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Neighbors help bust crime spree

Five juveniles arrested in county burglaries

BY ED LEPOMA

A band of five juveniles was arrested last week after breaking into a weekend residence in the Garden Isles subdivision on two consecutive days.

Chief Juvenile Investigator Ken Hurt praised the efforts of alert neighbors and the two deputies who rounded up the

teenagers, who ranged in ages from 14 to 16. Hurt said the investigation is continuing, and more juveniles may be arrested in connection with the burglary.

According to Hurt, a neighbor called the Sheriff's office on Jan. 14, when he noticed four juveniles sitting in a black

Mustang convertible with a black top in front of a residence at 403 Skyline Drive. It was still daylight, and the neighbor reported that he saw two teenagers scale the fence while the other two stayed in the car, Hurt said.

Unfortunately, the youths fled the scene before officers

arrived to apprehend them, but Hurt said officers had a good description of the vehicle.

Hurt said the youths returned to the same residence the next night "and went back for seconds." Again, an alert neighbor called the Sheriff's Department, and pulled his car across the street so the teen-

agers could not make a getaway.

Hurt said deputies Tom Gennings and John Bourgeois "did a fantastic job" calming down what could have been a volatile situation, arriving at the scene within minutes of the

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Resident asks supers to reverse river

BY ED LEPOMA

Hancock County supervisors are used to complaints about poor roads or drainage, but one constituent wants them to change the course of a river.

At last week's recess meeting, Gaye Coffey told supervisors, "It's your baby. I urge you to put your river back where it belongs."

Coffey, who lives on Pontiac Drive in the Jourdan River Shores subdivision off state Hwy. 603, said she settled in the area in 1989, and, "The river has consumed my whole back yard. I now have the Jourdan River at my back stairs."

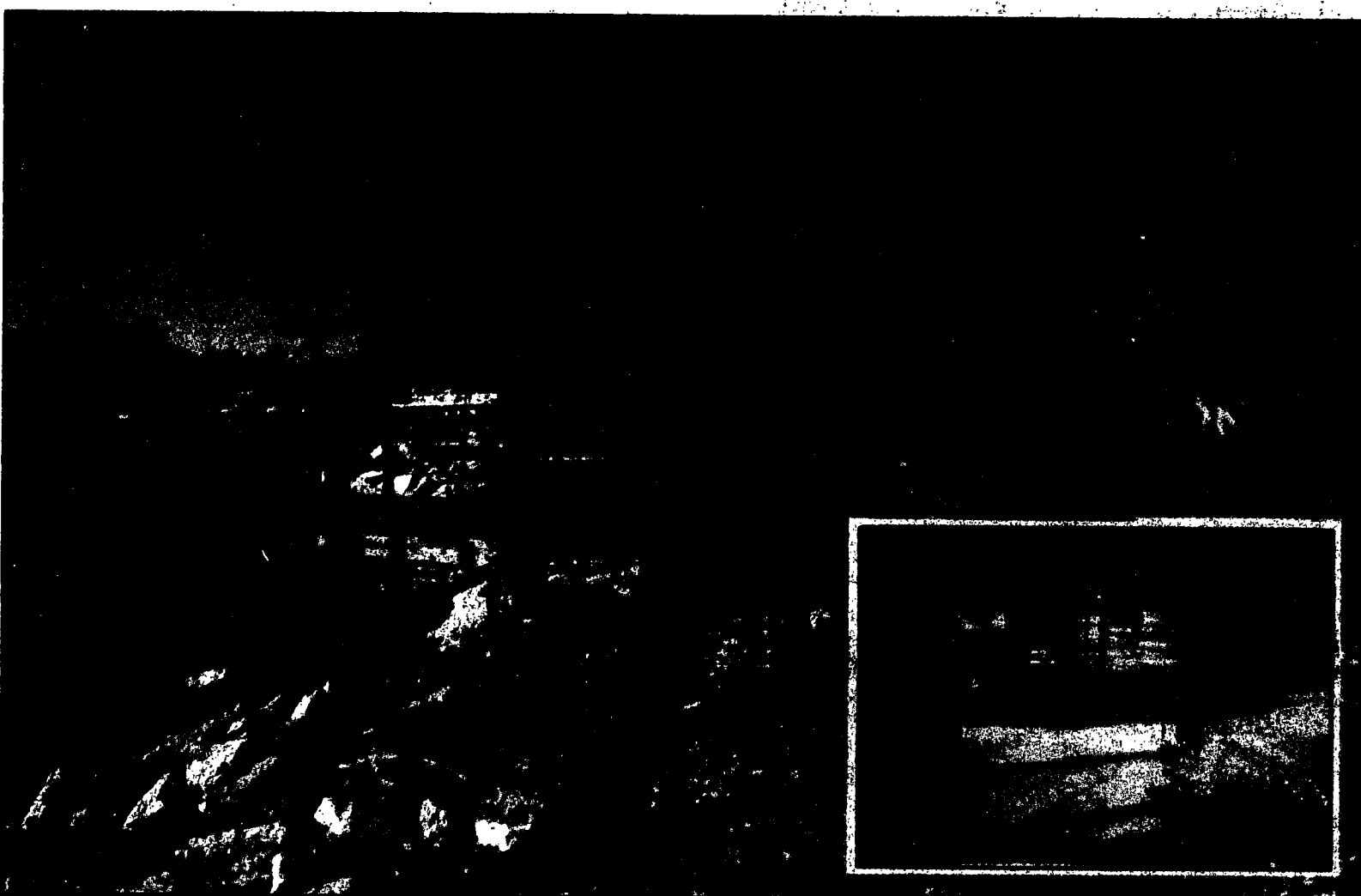
Coffey said she checked with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in New Orleans, and "someone told her the river was the jurisdiction of supervisors."

That news came as a surprise to supervisors, and county attorney Gerald Gex came to their rescue.

"The state has jurisdiction over the river, but the only agency that could re-establish its boundaries would be the Corps of Engineers," said Gex.

Supervisors voted to send a resolution to the Corps and the Soil and Water Conservation District asking them for advice

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Reclaiming the land

A track hoe operator spreads more rip rap attempting to shore up what's left of the bulkhead at this home on Pontiac Drive in the Jourdan River Shores subdivision. The inset shows the rear of the

house during last week's torrential rains when the rising Jourdan River again threatened expensive homes in the upscale subdivision. (Echo staff photo by Richard Meek)

Grand Casino makes offer to acquire Casino Magic

Casino Magic Corp. (Nasdaq: CMAG) has reported that Grand Casinos, Inc. has filed a Schedule 130 with the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to Grand Casinos' ownership of Casino Magic common stock.

Grand Casinos stated in the Schedule 130 that on Jan. 15, 1998 Grand Casinos made a

final proposal to Casino Magic for the acquisition of all of the outstanding stock of Casino Magic pursuant to a merger of Casino Magic with Grand Casinos.

The Schedule 130 further states that the terms of the proposed acquisition contemplate that 25 percent of the outstanding shares of Casino

Magic common stock would be purchased for cash at a price of \$1.60 per share.

The remaining 75 percent of the outstanding shares of Casino Magic common stock would be acquired with shares of Grand Casinos common stock at a ratio of 1 share of Grand Casinos common stock in exchange for 7.96 shares of

Casino Magic common stock.

The Schedule 130 further states that under the terms of the proposal, either Grand Casinos or Casino Magic may terminate the transaction if the average of the closing bid price of Grand Casinos' common stock is \$11 or below for any five-day trading period prior to the closing of the trans-

action and that there can be no assurance that the proposal will be accepted by Casino Magic or that the transaction will be consummated.

Casino Magic is reviewing the proposal submitted by Grand Casinos and is discussing the proposal with its advi-

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Historic library marine treasure

BY BETSY GAGNET

Anyone interested in oceanography or its history should take a trip out to the Matthew Fontaine Maury Oceanographic Library at Stennis Space Center.

The library, which is part of the Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVOCEANO), contains the world's largest military collection of physical oceanography materials.

The history of the library dates back to 1871, according to Supervisory Librarian Kay Miller, when Congress decided to step-up its efforts to explore the bottom of the ocean.

An 1871 framed document proclaiming the initial scope of the library is housed there and states, "Particular attention will be given to the collection for the library of all works of reference relating to hydrography, such as voyages of discovery,

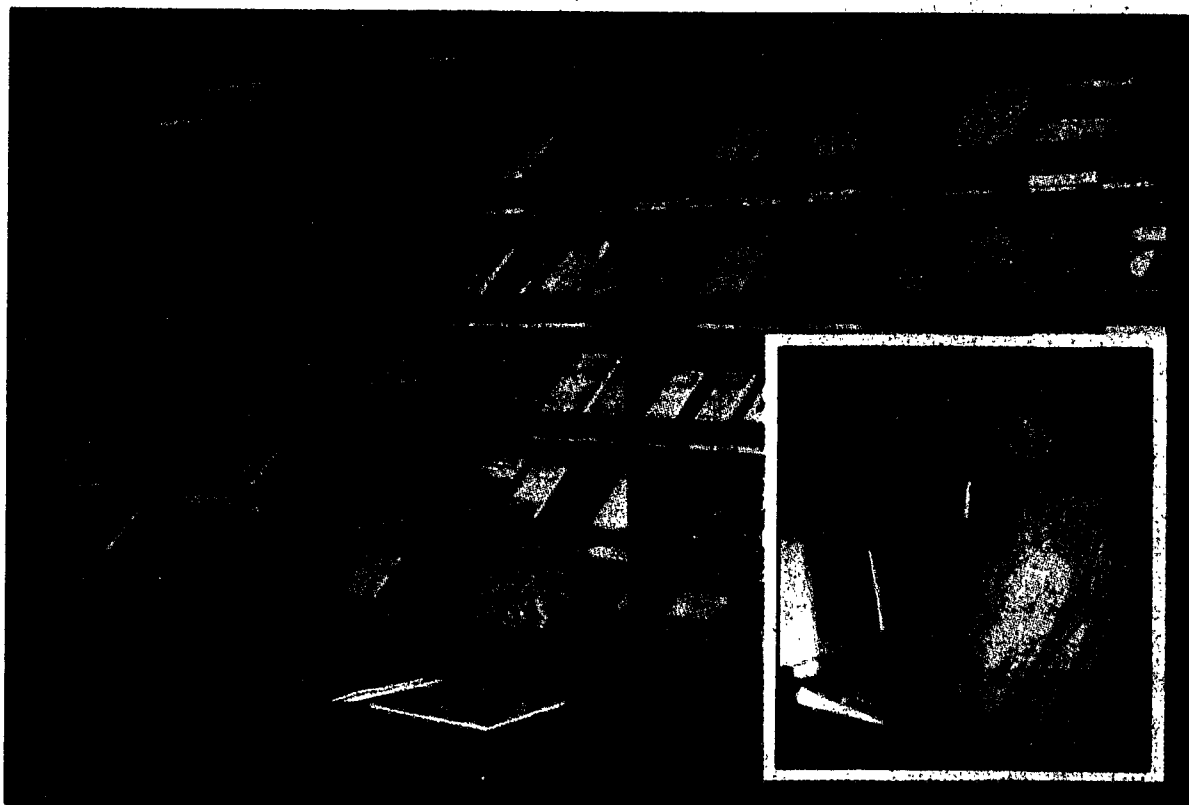
ery, sailing directions, travels, meteorology, marine surveying, magnetism of the compass, etc.

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Mason hospitalized

Waveland Mayor John Mason was hospitalized Tuesday night following the Board of Aldermen meeting.

A spokesperson at Hancock Medical Center said Mason was not expected to be discharged until Wednesday.



Oceanographic library

The Matthew Fontaine Maury Oceanographic Library at Stennis Space Center contains periodicals with titles ranging from "The Cartographic Journal" to "The Chinese Journal of Acoustics" to "Newsweek." Lt. Commander Gary Griffin, United States Navy Reservist is shown in the inset using one of the library's computers. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)

OBITUARIES

MIRIAM DAMIENS
PAUL DANILSON
GEORGE DUVAL SR.
IMOGENE HOMES
LORRAINE JOHNSON
YVONNE L. KOTTEMANN
EDWIN A. MORAN SR.
JACK J. MURRELL SR.
GERTRUDE NORMAND
ELAINE WADE

MIRIAM DAMIENS

Miriam Picton Damiens, 85, of Waveland, died Monday, Jan. 19, 1998, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Damiens was a housewife and a native of New Orleans.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter C. Damiens Sr.; her parents, James and Roberta Picton; two brothers, James Picton and Daniel Picton; and a sister, Roberta Townes.

Survivors include a son, Walter C. Damiens, Jr. of Diamondhead; two daughters, Barbara Damiens Bourgeois and Carolyn Damiens, both of Waveland; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Wednesday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home Chapel in Bay St. Louis. A graveside service followed at Greenwood Cemetery in New Orleans.

PAUL DANILSON

Mr. Paul A. Danilson, 87, of Long Beach, died Saturday, Jan. 17, 1998, in Long Beach.

Mr. Danilson was a native of Chewelah, Wash., and a resident of the Gulf Coast for 24 years. He had previously lived in Seattle, Wash. and was a retired electrical engineer with the Boeing Company. He was graduated from the University of Idaho in 1931. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Seattle.

ST. ANN-**ST. JOHN NEWS**

Thoughts for meditation:
 Repentance may be old-fashioned, but as long as there is sin, it will never be outdated.
 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.
 1 John 1:19

Happiness is not the absence of conflict, but the ability to deal with it.

A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all.

Psalm 34:19
 With a sweet tongue and kindness, you can drag an elephant by a hair.

Persian Proverb

The highest reward for a man's toil is not that he gets for it, but what he becomes by it.

—John Ruskin

The tongue of the wise brings healing.

Proverbs 12:18

The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much.

Ecclesiastes 5:12

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Emile (Carmel Henly) who renewed their marriage vows last weekend.

Special thanks to Jack Wilt, Tom Dempsey and Roland Flick who helped with the landscaping at the new building next to the church and chapel.

Wednesday of this week began the Triduum of Masses in honor of the Holy Infant of Good Health.

Parish coordinators will be attending a "Review 2,000 workshop" Thursday, Jan. 22 at the West Harrison Community Center in Long Beach.

Those who would like to receive a copy of 1997 church donations for income tax purposes, contact the parish office during office hours, which are Monday, noon-5 p.m., Wednesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday, 9 p.m.-4 p.m. Call 467-4746.

St. Ann-St. John CYO members meet 6:30 p.m. in the new Catechetical Building every Wednesday.

RCIA meets every Monday in the new building at 7 p.m.

CCD classes for children attending public school meet from 8-8:30 p.m.

There will be a special collection at both St. Ann and St. John churches Jan. 24 and 25 for the Holy Family.

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 Thursday: 9 p.m.-4 p.m.

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Long Beach, Pass Christian Yacht Club and Friends of the Library, Pass Christian.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore and Bertha Danilson.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Hillman Danilson of Long Beach; two sons, Lawrence Danilson of Upper Marlboro, Md., and Stephen Danilson of Pass Christian; two daughters, Suzanne Danilson of Baton Rouge, La., and Diane Bronzert of Olney, Md.; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted Monday at First Baptist Church in Long Beach.

The family prefers memorials to First Baptist Church of Long Beach, 506 Jeff Davis Avenue, Long Beach, MS 39560.

Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

GEORGE DUVAL SR.

George Robert "Bob" Duval Sr., 62, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, Jan. 20, 1998, in Pass Christian.

Mr. Duval was a native of Toledo, Ohio, and a Coast resident for 40 years. He was a retired paint contractor and an Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of VFW and he was a Catholic.

Survivors include six sons, George Robert Duval Jr. of Waveland, Lawrence Royce Duval of Pascagoula, David A. L. White of Columbus, Ohio, Timothy C. White of Leakeville, Billy I. White of Pass Christian, and Mark E. White of Charleston, S.C.; three daughters, Pamela L. Crain of Pearl River, La., Maureen Love of Crestlawn, Ohio, and Robin Duval of Pass Christian; three brothers, Richard Sebetto of Fremont, Ohio, Butch Duval of California and Curt Duval of Hawaii; a sister, Cheryl West of Bay St. Louis; and 12 grandchildren.

A graveside service will be conducted at a later date at St. Joseph Cemetery at Rotten Bayou in Hancock County. Riemann Funeral Home, 25th Ave., Gulfport, is in charge of arrangements.

IMOGENE HOMES
 Imogene G. Homes, 79, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, Jan. 18, 1998, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Homes was a housewife and a Methodist. She was a member of American Legion Post 139.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Aileen Adams.

Survivors include her husband, Richard K. Homes; two sons, Ignatius Gianelloni of Laredo, Texas and Danniell Gianelloni of Kemah, Texas; a daughter, Addie G. McMinn of Jackson; a brother, Merrill W. Adams of Roberts, Ill.; two sisters, Othelia A. Bunney of Foosland, Ill. and Violet C. Espy of Bloomington, Ill.; and six grandchildren.

A graveside service will be conducted today at 3 p.m. in Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society.

LORRAINE JOHNSON

Lorraine Frances Johnson, age unavailable, of Diamondhead, died Friday, Jan. 16, 1998, in Diamondhead.

Mrs. Johnson was a native of New Orleans and had been a resident of Diamondhead for the

past 14 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Salvador Centanni and Myra Collins Centanni.

Survivors include her husband, Charles H. Johnson; three daughters, Loren M. Trauth, Colleen T. Duplass and Samyra T. Wells; a stepdaughter, Cathy Chisholm; a stepson, Charles Johnson Jr.; two brothers, A. C. Centanni and Salvador F. Centanni Jr.; four sisters, Rosalie C. Goncz, Anna C. Taormina, Mary Yvonne C. Heman and Myra C. Mehrrens; and seven grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday at Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home chapel in New Orleans. Burial was in Metairie Cemetery.

YVONNE L. KOTTEMANN

Yvonne Lacoste Kottemann, 82, died Tuesday, Jan. 20, 1998.

She was the wife of the late William C. Kottemann; daughter of the late Emily Edwards Lacoste and E. J. Lacoste; sister of Robert B. Lacoste, Bernard L. Lacoste and Paul V. Lacoste II. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

No formal funeral services are planned.

The family prefers memorials to the Lighthouse for the Blind or WRBA Radio Station for the Blind.

Arrangements by Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home, 5100 Pontchartrain Blvd., New Orleans.

EDWIN A. MORAN SR.

Edwin Anthony Moran Sr., 45, of Kiln, died Tuesday, Jan. 20, 1998, in Jackson.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

JACK J. MURRELL SR.

Jack J. Murrell Sr., 66, of Ocean Springs, died Tuesday, Jan. 20, 1998, in Biloxi.

Mr. Murrell was born in Biloxi and was a lifelong resident of the Gulf Coast. He was a retired commercial fisherman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 10 brothers, and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Lorraine Murrell of Ocean Springs; a daughter, Judy Murrell of Pascagoula; a son, Jack Murrell Jr. of Ocean Springs; three sisters, Myrtis Ladnier of Theodore, Ala., Clara Mae Strong of Biloxi, and Evelyn Yeager of Pass Christian; a brother, Edgar Chatham of Biloxi; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today, 9-9:45 a.m. at Howard Avenue Chapel of Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Homes in Biloxi. A procession will leave the funeral home at 9:45 for a 10 a.m. graveside service in Biloxi City Cemetery.

GERTRUDE NORMAND

Gertrude Johanna Brecher Norman, 85, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, Jan. 18, 1998, in Slidell.

Mrs. Normand was a native of New Orleans and a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James O. Nor-

Card of Thanks

I like to say thank you to Dr. Lee and Dr. Anthony and his staff of nurses and doctors to make my wife's stay at the Hancock Medical Center pleasant in helping for a quick recovery.

Thanks again,
 Herbert K. Stephan

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MEETING Public Invited

Shoreline Park Sewer Project

The Hancock County Wastewater District #1 will hold a public information meeting to discuss the sewer project scheduled for ShoreLine Park. The meeting will be held Saturday, January 24, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hancock County Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, located in the Hancock County Courthouse, 150 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

Representatives from the district will be on hand to answer any questions regarding the plans for this project.

For further information, please contact the district office at

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Union Planters robbery suspect at large

BY RICHARD MEEK

At suspect wanted in the robbery of Union Planters Bank on Highway 90 in Bay St. Louis Wednesday afternoon remained at-large Wednesday evening.

Bay St. Louis Investigator Tom Burleson said the suspect is a white male, approximately six-feet, 180 pounds, and was wearing blue jeans, a heavy black coat, tennis shoes and carrying a briefcase.

Waveland Police assisted Bay St. Louis Police in setting up roadblocks and in the search.

The FBI was also called in. No one was seriously injured. Anyone with information on the robbery should call Burleson at 467-9221.

Waveland director resigns

BY BETSY GAGNET

Waveland Public Works Director Steve Landry has tendered his resignation to the city effective Feb. 13.

Landry, who has held the position for over three years, informed city officials of his decision last week, giving them 30 days notice.

"It's an opportunity that came up for myself and my family that I couldn't pass up," Landry said of his new job at Chalmette General Hospital in Chalmette, La. "I enjoyed my time with the city and appreciate the mayor and Board of Aldermen giving me the opportunity to work here."

Alderman Tommy Longo said the city will miss Landry. "Steve has been an invaluable asset to the city of Waveland," Longo said. "We'll certainly miss his professional knowledge and ability to deal with people."

In other news from Waveland, Waveland Court Clerk Paula Fayard addressed the Board at Tuesday's workshop meeting regarding the city's court fines savings account.

The account was set up in 1983 as a depository for payments made on court fines, Fayard said. Once the fines have been paid in full, the appropriate sums are dispersed to the state and to the city, she explained.

However, Fayard reported that city auditors from Moore and Powell have advised to close the account and make monthly disbursements to the state and the city.

City Attorney Ronnie Artigues advised the Board to table the matter until more information could be obtained.

"(Moore and Powell) are basically fixing a mistake that is 15 years old," Artigues said. "Where have they been for 15 years?"

Artigues said, according to information he has, the establishment of the account 15 years ago was on the advice of Moore and Powell, who were the city auditors at that time as well.

"It may be perfectly innocent," Artigues said Wednesday. "The way it looks right now is there is a problem from 15 years ago and we need more of an explanation before the Board can act."

"We want some written documentation explaining why the people who asked us to open the account are now asking us to close it," Artigues added. "It may be some simple explanation, but we have not received any explanation."

Free vision tests at Bay Legion Friday

Representatives from Benefield Eye Care of Gulfport will give free vision, cataract and glaucoma tests on Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis American Legion Home, Green Meadow Road, off Blue Meadow Road.

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Historical Society leaders

The 1998 officers for the Hancock County Historical Society were recently installed by Hancock County Chancery Clerk Tim Kellar. The society's leaders are, from left, Jean Reeves, historian; Brehm Bell, 2nd vice-president; Meg Hilliker, treasurer; Marlene Johnson, membership chairman; Ames Kergosien, 1st vice-president; Cathy Benvenuti, corresponding secretary; Charles Gray, president; Ron Schexnayder, 1st vice-president; Edith Bach, publicist; and Kellar. The Hancock County Historical Society is located in the Kate Lobrano House, Cue Street, Bay St. Louis. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)

Bay council approves plans for shopping center expansion

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Site plans for a major expansion of the Winn Dixie shopping center were approved Tuesday by Bay St. Louis City Council.

The plans had been set aside earlier by council members who wanted assurances from city officials concerning such details as parking adequacy, drainage and signs at the site. Tuesday, council was told that the city's major department heads had reviewed and approved the plans.

The addition is to be built on a tract north of the Winn Dixie, fronting on Blue Meadow Road. Officials say it will amount to some 22,000 square feet of retail space to be leased to several enterprises, including a pizza parlor.

In other business Tuesday, council retroactively approved an administrative decision to declare an "emergency" situation with last week's collapse of a sewer main on Sycamore Street. Municipal Clerk Robert J. Parker said contractors were hired without a formal bidding process because an urgent need existed to repair the failed line.

City crews were hampered in their efforts to repair the collapse in the 400 block of Sycamore, because it occurred during heavy rain showers.

Parker said the contractor's estimated cost is around \$8,000 for labor, although no firm price was set. The city supplied materials for the work.

Some council members expressed concern that there was no cap on the labor charges for the work. Parker and City Attorney John Scaffide, however, said it was impossible to estimate how long such work would take to complete, due to the difficult circumstances that existed.

Council member Tad Black said the line collapsed several times.

In another matter, council member Connie Lampley outlined some concerns that a citizens' group recently aired in a meeting she attended. She emphasized troubles particularly with conditions at the corner of Kellar and Watts streets. "The main problem in that area is it's a drug haven," said Lampley.

Drug dealers routinely smash out lights to hide their activities, she said, garbage is strewn in the area, and loud music is vibrating through the neighborhood.

In addition, Lampley said cars park in the street, blocking traffic, and vegetation overgrowth blocks drivers' vision at the corner. Lampley said she is working with the Police Department to resolve some of the problems.

In other business, council:

--Authorized a semi-annual interest payment of \$140,537 for the city's drainage system improvement bond issue of \$5.5 million. Council members asked for a report on how much interest the bond issue has accumulated, and how much of the bond issue has been spent to date.

--Held public hearings on conditions of three private properties in town, and declared each to be a "public menace" sufficient to call for bids to have the properties cleaned. The properties include cleanups now slated in the 300 block of Ballentine Street, the 600 block of Keller Street and the 100 block of Fox Drive.

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"CUEVAS' QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

On Friday night the Hancock Hardwood Club will be recognizing all players and coaches who participated in the school's basketball program during 1980-89.

The group will be recognized at halftime of the games, at 6:30 p.m.

During that period there was a large number of basketball players for Hancock, and it is hoped there will be a large number in attendance.

The Super Bowl is set for Sunday in San Diego, Calif., and of course, there is a lot of local interest because of Green Bay's quarterback Brett Favre leading the Pack.

There will be a big celebration at Hancock North Central Elementary, as the school will hold its second annual *Packer Day*.

Brett played for Hancock North Central Elementary and High School at the old Hancock stadium located on the elementary's grounds, so he means so much to the people of Hancock County.

There will be lots of green and gold sported by the students at HNC Elementary, and I am sure it will be a great time for the students.

There will be a pep rally set for 2:30 p.m. in the gym and also a door-decorating contest.

Many wish Brett the best Super Bowl Sunday and are hoping the Pack will repeat as the champs.

Good luck to Brett and the Green Bay Packers.

The residents of Shoreline Park are reminded of the public information meeting regarding the Shoreline Park Sewer Project to be held Saturday, Jan. 24, 2 p.m. in the Hancock County Board of Supervisors meeting room.

This is a very important meeting for residents of the area to get questions answered regarding the plans for the project.

Representatives from the Hancock County Wastewater District #1 will be on hand to answer any questions concerning the project.

The public is invited and urged to attend.

If you need further information, contact the district at 467-6208.

There will be auditions on Sunday and Monday at 7 p.m., at the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre for *Relatively Speaking* at the Boardman Avenue Playhouse.

Becky Rotundo reports they are looking for two men and two women, ages 20-55 for the comedy of mistaken identity by Alan Ayckbourn.

Volunteers are also being sought for backstage, set design and construction, Rotundo said.

Rotundo, the play's director, said the theatre is always looking for new members, and there are many positions which volunteers can fill in addition to the actors and actresses.

Relatively Speaking is scheduled for the production dates of March 27, 28, 29 and April 3 and 4.

Letters Welcome

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers on subjects of general interest. Letters must be signed and include address or phone number so that the sender can be contacted by the newspaper if necessary. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double spaced, and conform to standards of good taste. Only one letter per writer per month will be published. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters.

Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are considered inappropriate for the *Letters to the Editor* columns.

—Ellis C. Cuevas, publisher

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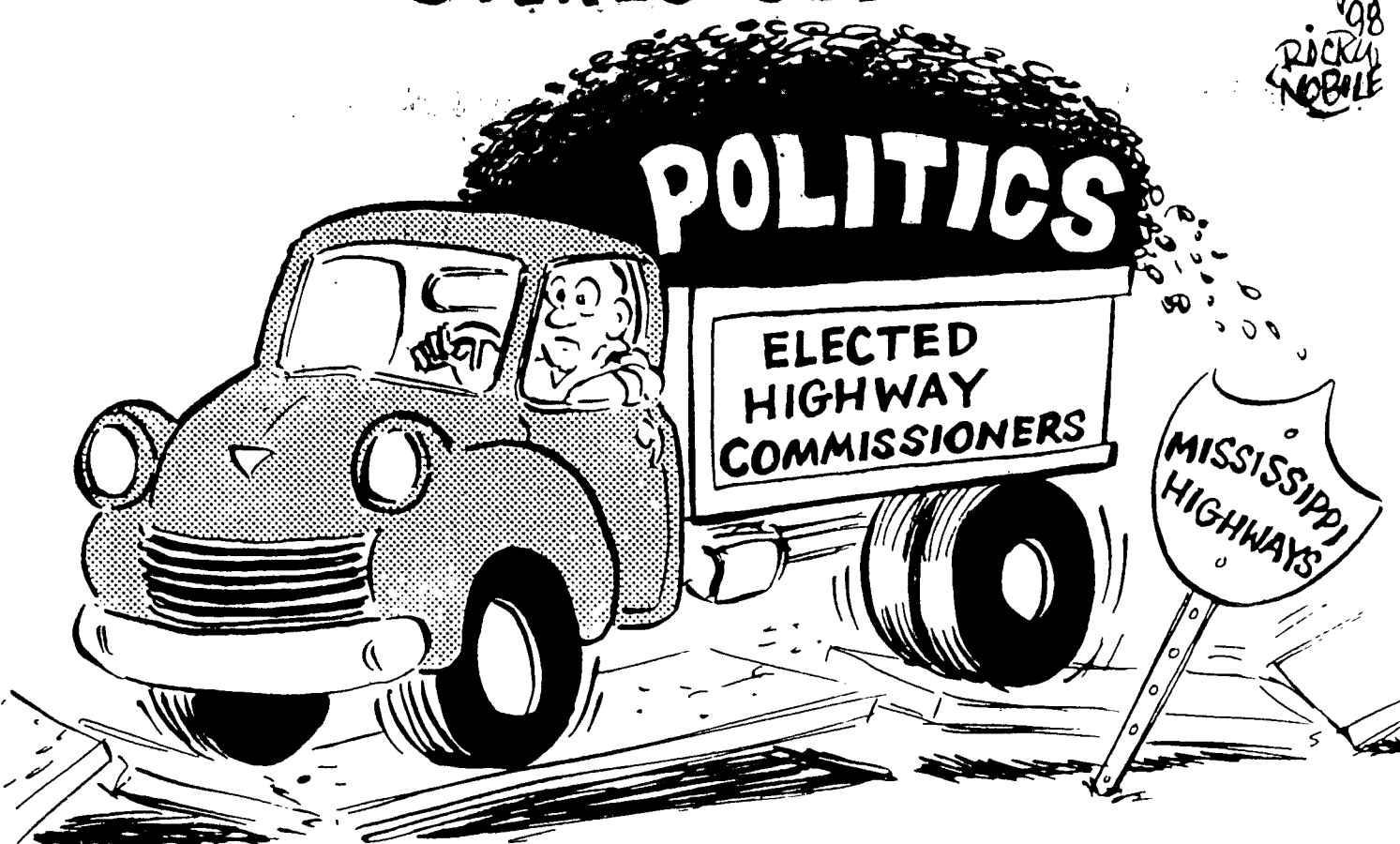
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FROM THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE

By State Senator
Scottie Cuevas



Committee work increases as bill-drafting deadline passes

Senate committees were busy working on hundreds of bills during the 1998 Legislative Session's second week in Jackson.

By the Thursday deadline, more than 1,200 proposals had been offered by senators for the full Senate's consideration.

Because of the increased committee work, floor debate has been limited. Among the bills passed by the Senate were:

— SB 2174 which will provide health insurance to 15,000 children out of an estimated 143,000 in Mississippi families without it. The purpose of the bill is to set up a joint study committee to recommend to the 1999 Legislature a plan to match \$10.6-million in state funds to secure \$56-million federal funds to provide this health coverage.

Once the federal funds are secured, the State of Mississippi has the potential to insure the other 143,000 children.

Mississippi must have a plan by June 30 to obtain the matching federal funds.

A floor amendment makes the insurance program subject to available state funds, since the Fiscal Year 1999 budget is still being developed and funds have not yet been identified to pay for such a program.

— SB 2597 to exempt from sales taxes medications sold by veterinarians for fish, poultry and livestock production. Supporters said the exact impact to the state treasury is not known, but 1996 collections from this source exceeded \$700,000.

— SB 2315 to increase the standard deduction on estate taxes to \$1 million.

These bills have gone to the House, where the committee process starts all over again.

On Tuesday, the Senate had a treat with a visit from former professional baseball player and Hall of Fame broadcaster Joe Garagiola, who was in Jackson to speak out on the dangers of youths using spit tobacco. Garagiola has had friends contract various forms of cancer and other ailments associated with spit-tobacco use.

Before his informal address to the Senate, Garagiola greeted Senate members and responded to questions about his career and life-long friendship with another famous player, Yogi Berra.

During the next three weeks, I expect we'll see 150-200 bills reported from committees for full Senate consideration since Feb. 3 is the committee-vote deadline on proposals other than spending bills.

Among the bills I'm especially interested in are:

— SB 2575 on homestead exemption;

— SB 2456 about open primary elections; and

— SB 2459 to reduce sales taxes on dairy and meat products.

Also, I plan to enter a bill concerning septic systems.

Early in the week, the Senate Judiciary Committee passed changes to the state campaign finance law, especially to require reporting of all contributions and expenses in excess of \$200. SB 2175 also specifies new limits on contributions to judicial candidates and civil penalties against candidates and political parties that fail to file required reports.

On Thursday, the Judiciary Committee passed SB 2192, which set a 7-year limit on medical malpractice lawsuits, except in the instance of medical errors being fraudulently concealed from patients.

Work was continuing on the details for a Crime Victims' Bill of Rights, which was proposed through a constitutional amendment passed by the Senate in the first week of the session.

On Friday, the Senate approved Kenny Bush of Philadelphia to a nine-year term on the State Board of Education. Bush was nominated by Lt. Gov. Ronnie Musgrove.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns about issues before the Legislature. I appreciate the opportunity to represent you in the State Senate.

During the Legislative Session, I can be contacted by calling 601-359-3770 or by writing to P.O. Box 1018, Jackson MS 39215.



FROM THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE

By Representative
Dirk Dedeaux

Fordice addresses Legislature

Recently Governor Kirk Fordice spoke to the Legislature in joint session with his state-of-the-state address.

Among the issues the governor mentioned were the death penalty and improved trauma care for the state.

Fordice pointed out that the state has not executed anyone in almost a decade, and something needs to be done to eliminate some of the legal problems with carrying out sentences.

Also, the state should upgrade its trauma care making it more able to respond to traffic accidents and other

Q. Are members of the Selected Reserve and National Guard eligible for VA home loan benefits?

A. Yes, they are, providing they have at least six years of service, and it they are no longer active and received an honorable discharge. Members may also be eligible if they served in support of the Gulf War. Eligibility for members of the Selected Reserve and National Guard expires October 28, 1999.

Q. What is the "general rule" for determining VA home loan benefits for veterans who served on active duty?

A. The "general rule" states that veterans who enlisted after Sept. 7, 1980, or officers, Oct. 16, 1981, must serve 24 continuous months of service and receive, or have received a discharge under other than dishonorable conditions.

Q. What is the rule for veterans who entered service prior to Sept. 7, 1980?

A. Veterans must serve, or have served, 90 days or more if at least one day of their service occurred during wartime. Or, they must have served 180 days or more if they had only peacetime service.

Q. May a veteran join with a non-veteran in obtaining a VA loan?

A. Yes, but the guaranty is based only on the veteran's part of the loan. This does not apply to a loan to a veteran and spouse when the spouse is not a veteran. You may consult lenders to determine whether they would be willing to accept appli-

cation of joint loans of this type.

Q. Does the issuance of a certificate of eligibility guarantee approval of a VA loan?

A. No. The veteran must still be found to be qualified for the loan from an income and credit standpoint.

Q. Does the VA home loan entitlement provide cash to the veteran?

A. No. The amount of entitlement relates only to the amount VA will guarantee the lender against loss.

Q. Can a veteran obtain a loan from a private lender in another state for the purchase of property in another state?

A. Yes. However, many lenders limit their lending operation to certain areas.

Q. If a veteran and his/her eligibility for a VA loan years ago, is there any way eligibility can be restored for purchasing another home?

A. Eligibility can be restored when the property has been sold and the loan paid in full, or the property has been sold and a qualified buyer agrees to purchase through a substitution of entitlement. The buyer must have the same amount of entitlement as originally used to get the loan. The purchaser must also meet the occupancy, income and credit requirements of the loan.

Q. Does the Department of Veterans Affairs offer assistance for rent, utilities or food?

A. VA has no resources for these forms of assistance. You may wish to contact a local social service office.

Technicalities

By State Auditor Phil Bryant

COUNTIES

Q. Do Sections 41-21-67(4), 25-32-9(3) and 41-21-79, which

authorize, in one way or another, the appointment of an attorney for an indigent defendant or respondent, apply to a party initiating a procedure under the lunacy commitment statutes?

A. There is no basis for a court appointed attorney for an individual who initiates an action under the above noted code sections. (Attorney General's opinion to Taylor dated Oct. 19, 1988).

Q. May a county accept more than one depository for county funds?

A. Yes. (\$27-105-303)

Q. May the board of supervisors receive bids for county depositories every two years rather than annually?

A. Yes. (\$27-105-305)

Q. Must a chancery or circuit clerk open a new bank account for maintaining the fee account each year?

No. Only a new bookkeeping journal must be opened each year. The balance in the fee bank account may be carried forward from year to year.

IN AND AROUND DIAMONDHEAD

By Margaret Williamson

Noteworthy

Important news for Hancock County families.

Starting next fall, Hancock High School students truly will be in the lap — make that laptop — of luxury and strictly top-drawer in terms of the educational super highway.

The school district recently decided to spend about \$2 million on 1,100 laptop computers, one for every student and teacher in grades 9-12. This makes the district the state's first and one of only 13 school districts nationwide to take this extraordinary step.

School Board President Cheryl Bennett says this is an example of how the district continues to look for creative and innovative teaching strategies to prepare our students for today and tomorrow.

How fortunate our young people are to be given this opportunity for their future.

D'HEAD DEVELOPMENT STATUS

Deborah A. Vitale, chairman of the Board of Directors of Casino World Inc., will speak at an open meeting today at 8 a.m. at the Diamondhead Business and Professional Association.

All interested persons are invited to attend at the Park Ten Bowling Lanes.

AUDITIONS

Are you "a ham?" The Bay St. Louis Little Theater could use you (maybe) in their next production, "Relatively speaking."

Becky Rotundo is directing this comedy with parts for two men and two women, age 20-55, and auditions are scheduled for Jan. 25 and 26, 7 p.m. at the playhouse on Boardman Avenue, Bay St. Louis.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to David

Crabtree upon being selected the Coast's Chef of the Year. Crabtree was only 14 years old when he started as a dishwasher at the Diamondhead Yacht club in 1977. Today he is the executive chef at the Imperial Palace Casino.

MORE CONGRATS

She's to be the Diamondhead Women's Club Mardi Gras Queen at the Feb. 4 meeting. It couldn't happen to a nicer lady, Rose Rybiski, who has just joined Caldwell Banker/coast Delta as a real estate professional.

YOUR DCA

Working for a better Diamondhead, the Community Association will have its dinner meeting Tuesday, Feb. 3 at the Yacht Club.

Election of new officers will be at this meeting, and as usual,

the chef promises a great meal. Bring a friend to join and have "a voice" for \$10 per year per family.

Reservations are \$11.50 each to DCA, P.O. Box 6011, Diamondhead.

THOUGHTS TO SHARE

Correction does much, but encouragement does more. Encouragement after censure is as the sun after a shower.

May the sun shine on you and yours.



PRCC Board of Trustees

Pearl River Community College's Board of Trustees elected new officers during the regular January meeting. Pictured are, from left, Charles Speed of Prentiss, new vice-chairman; John Anderson of Columbia, outgoing chair; David Earl Johnson of Poplarville, new chair; and Zeno Carter of Carriere, who was renamed secretary. (PRCC photo)

SMH community health programs

Slidell Memorial is offering the following healthcare seminars and screenings during the month of February:

Living with Congestive Heart Failure:

Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 26, 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the SMH Krieger Building Conference Room B. Fee is \$15 for all four sessions. Topics covered include the explanation of congestive heart failure, exercise and activity, medication, nutrition and coping and management techniques. To register, call 649-8555.

Joint Exchange: All About Artificial Joint Replacement

Feb. 12, 1 p.m., free in the SMH Women's Resource Suite. Join Brian Fong, MD, Orthopedics, as he reveals who is a good candidate for joint replacement, previews recovery and rehabilitation and demonstrates the replacement procedure. Call SMH at 646-0044 to register.

Stashing Your Trash — A

System for Organizing Your Home

Feb. 13, noon, free in the SMH Women's Resource Suite. What area of clutter in your home is bothering you the most? Clutter is like weeds in a garden. Out of control it can take over. St. Tammany Home Economist Iris Mermilliod, LSU Cooperative Extension Service, will show you how a little "weeding" once in a while can keep it under control. Call 646-0044 to register.

Label Logic Supermarket Tour

Feb. 18, 10:30 a.m. and Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m. Fee is \$20 per person. Learn how to read product labels and select nutritious food items during a tour of Albertsons conducted by Sheree Parker-Ruffino, SMH registered dietitian. Bring a calculator and wear comfortable shoes. The tour lasts 1½-2 hours. Call 646-0044 to register and for more details.

Free Senior Adult Eye Screenings:

By David F. Slagle, MD and Keith L. Sehon, OD and Holly L. Gore, MD, Feb. 4, 9-11:30 a.m. in the SMH Medical Office Building, 1051 Gause Blvd., Ste. 480. Call 649-0206 for information.

Prostate Screening for Men Over 40

In the SMH Medical Office Building at the Urology Center, Ste. 440; \$10 for the PSA Test. Screening consists of a digital rectal examination and prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test. Screening is for men who have not been diagnosed with cancer of the prostate or have not received a prostate exam within the last 12 months. Appointments are required. Call 649-6660 for February's scheduled dates and to make your appointment.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings:

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the SMH Fitness Center, 501 Robert Blvd., 2nd floor. No appointment needed. Call 645-2955 for more information.

Arts education grants, speakers available

Music, art and drama are subjects that spark a student's imagination and positively transform the learning environment. The Mississippi Arts Commission is offering two opportunities to schools and organizations that can help bring the arts to life in Mississippi's schools and communities.

Grant funds available

Grant funds for arts education projects are available from the Mississippi Arts Commission. The Arts Education Grants Program offers funds for projects that include, but are not limited to, professional development, teacher training, program planning, curriculum development, research, conference attendance and arts demonstrations.

The grant deadline for projects is March 1. The first deadline for quarterly minigrants is June 1.

Speakers available free of charge

The Speakers Network is a

corps of teachers, business people, artists and concerned parents throughout the state who have witnessed the transforming power of the arts. The presentation includes a new video, *Surprising Solutions: Arts Education*, which showcases various arts programs in Mississippi.

The presentation offers invalu-

able information on how arts education can touch all Mississippi students' lives. The presentations are free of charge.

Call the Mississippi Arts Commission at 601-359-6030 to receive a copy of the grant guidelines and to arrange a volunteer to speak to your group about the benefits of arts to a basic education.

USM New York tour

Students interested in experiencing New York City's culture may join the University of Southern Mississippi's New York City Cultural Capital Tour this spring.

The tour will be held May 18-24. Tour highlights include the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, the New York City Ballet, the New York Philharmonic orchestra, the Guggenheim museums, the Broadway musical 'Rent' and another Broadway play to be announced at a later

date. Cost of the tour is \$1,500. This includes event tickets, airfare, transfers and hotel accommodations. The registration deadline is April 1.

For information, call USM Continuing Education at (601) 266-4186.

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On Tuesday, Jan. 27, the Center for Women's Health of Memorial Hospital at Gulfport will host a program entitled "Brain Sex" at the Orange Grove Community Center on Hwy. 49 in Gulfport.

In this presentation, Maureen Womack, MS, director of behavioral health services at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport, will explore the fundamental differences between men and women. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. and is free to the public.

For information or to pre-register, call 864-4273. The event is co-sponsored by the Gulfport Department of Leisure Services.

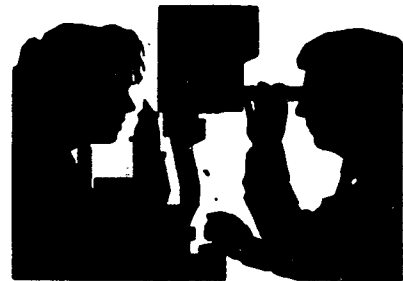
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Notes from legislature's second week

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—Notes from the 1998 Legislature's second week:

—Special Bear
Call it silly if you will, but Rep. Steve Holland is dead serious about making the teddy bear the state toy.

In recent years his idea has met with a little indifference—and some chuckles.

But the Democrat from Tupelo has filed the bill again in 1998, calling stuffed bears "a universal symbol of love, comfort and joy for children of all ages."

"We've got a state fossil, a state bird, a state fish and a state land mammal. None of those have come close to having the worldwide acclaim that the Mississippi-born teddy bear has," said Holland.

His proposal traces the origin of the teddy bear to a hunting expedition in Smedes, Miss., by President Theodore Roosevelt on Nov. 14, 1902, who refused to shoot a small black bear.

"The shot not fired at the cuddly creature in the Mississippi Delta was soon

heard around the land as a great credit to the heroic and sportsmanlike conduct of President Roosevelt," his bill states.

—Capps & Garagiola
Former major league baseball player Joe Garagiola visited the state capitol last week, and one of his stops was the office of House Appropriations Committee chairman Charlie Capps, D-Cleveland.

Attorney General Mike Moore related the story to members of Capps' committee. "We walked in the door and the chairman says, 'Joe, I haven't seen you since Manila,'" Moore told the committee.

The kicker is that Capps was serving in Manila during World War II when Garagiola and a touring group of baseball players came to the Philippines to visit the troops.

—Moore & Politics
Moore said last week he hasn't had time to think about politics.

The attorney general is considered both a likely candidate for re-election and a possible candidate for governor.

Moore also said he has not thought about a deadline for any decision. Statewide elections are next year.

"I'm more concerned about doing my job than I am worried about politics," he said.

Moore, whose focus has been on the tobacco lawsuit he filed in 1994 and settled last year, said there are other things on his mind.

"What I am thinking about these days is my little boy and my wife who I've spent an awful lot of time away from in the last couple of years. It's going to be a while before I make up to them the time I've been away," Moore said.

He said that he has found in politics that "you just do your job and politics will take care of itself."

—McRae Emergence
Mississippi Supreme Court Justice Chuck McRae has made few public appearances around the state capitol in the recent years following his drunk driving arrest.

But he joined the movers and shakers for Gov. Kirk Fordice's State of the State address last week.

The other Supreme Court justices were there as well—including some who have been at odds with McRae.

In 1996, it was Justice Jim Smith who blasted his colleague, saying: "The time has arrived for Justice McRae to put honor and integrity of the Court first and do the right thing, resign."

McRae eyed the chairs available right before Fordice's speech began before choosing a front row seat next to new Justice Bill Waller Jr., who in his one week on the court probably hasn't had time to make enemies of anyone.

Justice Jim Roberts Jr. noted there was another vacant seat.

With a smile he told McRae, "If you want to come back here you can sit between Smith and me."

A grinning McRae responded "that's why I jumped up here."

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Lawmakers get free airport parking

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—The cost of parking at Jackson International Airport range up to a maximum of \$6 a day. But Mississippi lawmakers will park for free.

The MetroJackson Chamber of Commerce and the city of Jackson have given lawmakers free parking passes valid for 1998, officials said.

The passes are unrestricted, meaning lawmakers can use them anytime—for flying on business or pleasure trips.

Donna Mabus, lobbyist for the city of Jackson, said the free, unlimited parking passes are "a business promotion."

"We're trying to promote legislators to go to Jackson International Airport when they have business in lieu of going through Memphis or New Orleans," she said.

The gifts come less than three years after the state attorney general's office told the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority not to give legislators free, unlimited parking passes.

An April 27, 1995, attorney general's opinion said, "Such an act would, in fact, constitute an unlawful donation in violation of ... the Mississippi Constitution."

Legislators may legally accept gifts. But publicly funded groups such as airport boards may not give them.

It's unclear who's paying for the legislators' parking passes—or even who made the decision to hand them out.

The credit-card-sized passes arrived in Chamber of Commerce envelopes. Each was accompanied by a letter signed by chamber and city of Jackson officials.

"They didn't cost the city or the chamber anything," Mabus said. "The chamber gave them out."

Chamber spokeswoman Kay Maghan, said the passes "were technically given to them by the city of Jackson."

She called the passes "a community feel-good" promotion to build good will with legislators.

Both Maghan and Mabus said the airport authority was involved in giving the legislators' parking passes.

The attorney for the airport authority, Alan Moore of Jackson, had requested the attorney general's opinion on parking passes in 1995. He originally wanted to know whether the state's 1994 lobbying law required the airport authority to disclose costs of the legislators' parking passes.

After pointing out that the airport authority could not give away unlimited passes, Deputy Attorney General Larry Clark did not address the lobbying-report question.

Several legislators said they remembered receiving airport parking in years past.

Sen. Tim Johnson, R-Madison, said he appreciates the free parking pass but doubts he'll use it much.

Sen. Rob Smith, D-Richland, said the gift passes could save the state money.

"If we travel for legislative business, we turn in the parking (receipts) on expenses and get reimbursed," Smith said.

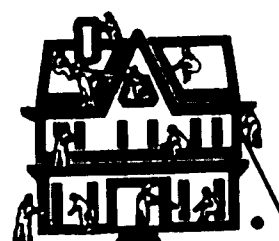
Sen. Alice Harden, D-Jackson, called the free passes "wonderful."

Travelers at the airport Friday had mixed reactions to the lawmakers' parking perks.

"I guess it's OK," said Tammy Johnson, 18, of Mount Olive. "I don't come here much, so it doesn't bother me."

Marcia Arp, 35, of Yazoo City, doesn't like the idea.

"I think they should have to pay just like everyone else," said Arp.



Christmas In April

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IS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR FREE HOME REHABILITATION

Christmas in April is an annual one-day blitz to repair and rehabilitate the homes of poor, elderly or disabled homeowners in Hancock County. Christmas in April is a non-profit, volunteer service organization dedicated to keeping low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners living in warmth, safety, dignity and comfort through home repair and rehabilitation using volunteer services. After months of planning and preparation, Christmas in April volunteers join forces on the last Saturday in April to paint, repair and renovate homes and shelters.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE ASSISTANCE

Low-income disabled or elderly people living in Hancock County and who can no longer maintain their homes are eligible for our services. All work is performed free of charge. Referrals may come from individuals, churches, community organizations and service groups. The homeowner must live in the home. A home inspection and needs assessment will be made prior to selecting homes for free assistance in April 1998.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1998 MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 13

To nominate a home for free rehabilitation by Christmas in April volunteers, please use the form below and mail it back to Christmas in April before February 13th.

COMPLETE AND MAIL BY FEB. 28 TO:	I/WE NOMINATE THE FOLLOWING HOME FOR REHABILITATING BY CHRISTMAS IN APRIL VOLUNTEERS:
Homeowner's Name _____	Age _____
Homeowner's Address _____	
City _____	Zip _____ Phone _____
() Home can be inspected by Christmas in April volunteers between _____ AM and _____ PM	
Nominator's Name or Organization: _____	
Nominator's Address: _____	
Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____	
Our Organization () CAN () cannot offer volunteers, hands or materials for this home.	

*Life's choices are simple
when taken one step at a time.*



The world is full of changes. Some that make our lives better, some that only tempt us into believing they will. And so, the old adages remain true: Be careful. Tread lightly. Look before you leap. For if history has taught us anything, it's that our time and energy are precious. And change for change's sake is rarely worth the effort.

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Techno Gras offers hand-on opportunities

Techno Gras '98 will offer more emphasis on the teaching potential of instructional technology, an organizer of the annual University of Southern Mississippi event says.

USM's "Carnival of Technology," originally conceived as a means of educating

USM faculty about using technology, has expanded its scope and audience each year since its debut in 1996.

This year's day-long Techno Gras is set for Tuesday, Feb. 24, when classes are dismissed for USM's Mardi Gras holiday.

Although walk-ups are welcome, participants are being encouraged to register by Feb. 17, either by calling 266-4153 or going directly to: <http://www.ee.usm.edu/techno/registration.html>

This year, educators from beyond USM are being invited to participate, and a special effort is being made to offer in-depth sessions geared more toward teaching techniques instead of just learning with technology, said USM librarian Claudia Rebaza, chair of the Teaching, Learning, Technology Roundtable committee organizing Techno Gras '98.

"I think Techno Gras is important because it gives people a taste of what they can do," said Rebaza, who works in Cook Library's Information Services section. "With some of the technology or teaching methods, if you learn what it can do, you can develop ideas about how it can help you."

This year's Techno Gras opens with registration at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. after a closing discussion. The current schedule of 33 workshops will be offered during four 60-minute sessions and one two-hour session.

For more up-to-date information about Techno Gras, including session times and locations, visit the TLTR Expanding Excellence website at <http://www.ee.usm.edu>

USMGC offers continuing education credit courses

A variety of continuing education credit courses will be offered at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast during the spring semester.

They include human services certification courses, criminal justice master's degree courses, computer applications for educators and a series of graduate courses in education.

Students must be admitted into the university before registering for these courses.

The following courses are offered for certification in human services. Classes meet 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays and 6-10 p.m. Fridays at the Gulf Park campus:

Special Problems—Crisis Intervention/Postvention: offered Feb. 14-March 27. The student will explore strategies that are currently used in crisis intervention and postvention, as well as investigate preventive responses that may assist clients who are on the brink of choosing an unhealthy solution to their problems.

Family Violence: This course studies child and spouse abuse and emphasizes legal detection, investigation and

deterrence.

Police in the United States: Students will study the policies and human issues affecting law enforcement agencies in the United States.

The following graduate courses in education are offered through the Hancock County School District/USMGC Partnership. Unless otherwise indicated, classes meet at Hancock County High.

Special Problems: Assertiveness Training: offered 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 7 and 14. This course, offered at the Gulf Park campus helps participants to develop assertiveness skills.

Special Problems: Splendors of Versailles and Beyond—France and the Age of Louis XIV: offered 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 21-April 8. This course is designed to support the Splendors in Versailles exhibit in Jackson, which is scheduled to open in April.

The interactive video course will meet at USM's Jackson County Center.

For information, contact USM's Gulf Park campus at (601) 865-4508.

Casino donates to GCRL

Bobby Carter, executive host of the Isle of Capri Casino, recently presented a donation of the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory on behalf of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Billfish Classic fishing tournament.

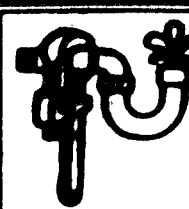
The Isle of Capri, a major sponsor of the Billfish Classic, presented the \$2,000 donation to support analysis of samples taken from specimens of wahoo at the inaugural Class in June of 1997.

"The wahoo is one of the most highly rated offshore sport fish

species in the northern Gulf of Mexico, and yet very little is known about its life history and habitat requirements," GCRL fisheries biologist Jim Franks said.

He sampled specimens of wahoo, *Acanthocybium solandri*, which were entered in the tournament. Franks said analysis will provide information about the reproductive biology and age of specimens sampled.

The second annual billfish classic is scheduled for June 1998.

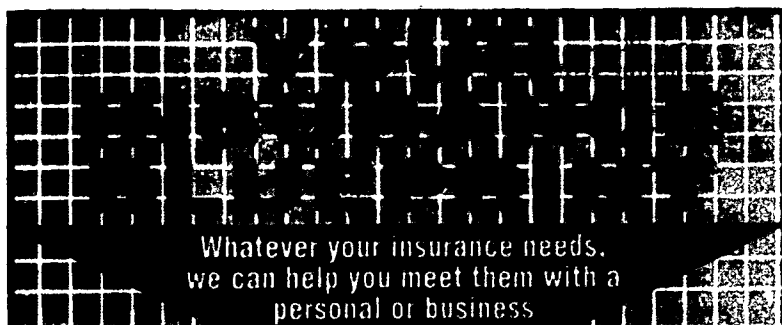


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Carey theatre festival

The William Carey College Theatre's entry in the Mississippi/Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival has again been selected to advance to the regional festival. The production is the Horton Foote drama, "The Traveling Lady."

At the state festival two out-of-state adjudicators respond to each production presented and react in one of three ways: not recommend, recommend, or strongly recommend that the production be "passed on" to regional. WCC's production received two strong recommendations.

Six productions are then chosen by the regional selection committee to advance. The region, the largest in the country, is comprised of 10 states and two territories.

O. L. Quave, department chair and professor of theatre, directed the production. "Lady" is entirely student-designed, with set by James Mitchell of Hattiesburg, costumes by Justin Bunton of Loranger, La.,

and lighting by Jonathan Watts of McComb.

All three are theatre majors under the supervision of Shannon Robert, faculty designer. All three students' work was recommended by the adjudicators and will be entered in the regional design competitions.

This year's state festival was held at the University of Southern Mississippi. The regional festival will be in February at Clemson University in South Carolina.

The WCC Theatre will perform "The Traveling Lady" at 8 p.m. Jan. 29 through 31 in the O. L. Quave Theatre on Carey's Hattiesburg campus.

The box office will be open daily 1-4 p.m. beginning Monday, Jan. 26.

Since these are benefit performances, admission is by minimum contribution of \$7 for students and \$10 for others. Seats may be reserved by calling 582-6221.

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WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS

Spiers-Baldree



Mr. and Mrs. Branson Spiers

Patricia Leanne Baldree and Branson Kirk Spiers were united in holy matrimony Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1998, in an afternoon ceremony at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Hattiesburg.

Bishop Dale Spiers, father of the groom, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Baldree of Pearlinton. She is a graduate of Bay High School and is presently enrolled as a full-time student at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Spiers of Sumrall. He is a graduate of Sumrall High School, has completed a full-time mission to the Sacramento California Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and is presently a full-time student at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

A reception is planned in their honor at the Cultural Hall of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at the corner of McLaurin Street and Nicholson Avenue in Waveland Saturday, Jan. 24, 7-9 p.m. Friends and family are invited.

The couple will reside in Hattiesburg while continuing their education.

SPORTS

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Basketball roundup

Favre's layup gives SSC victory

Paul Favre's layup with one tick remaining gave St. Stanislaus its third consecutive victory Tuesday night.

Favre's score gave the Rocks a 56-55 victory at the Rock gym. SSC led 29-28 at the half and increased the lead to 47-43 at the end of three quarters.

Favre led the Rocks with 20 points and six rebounds. Junior Davis added 15 points.

Stanislaus improved to 11-11 overall, 5-4 in Division 7-4A play. The Rocks play at Hancock on Friday.

In other games:
Hancock 76, Pearl River Central 74 — Donnie Carver and Archie Pouncey combined for 47 points in the Hawks' victory at PRC.

Carver made 11 of 17 from

the field and led Hancock with 26 points. He also had eight rebounds.

Pouncey was five of 11 in three-pointers and added 21 points. Center Jeremy Garriga scored 15 points.

Jeremy Jarell led PRC with 21 points and Adil Zitan added 13 points.

Hancock is 5-15, 2-8. The Hawks host Stanislaus on Friday and are at Petal in a rare Saturday game.

Pass Christian 69, Poplarville 61 — Rudy Bell scored 14 points and Cantrell Bell 13 in the Pirates victory at Pass Christian.

Justin Arbuthnot added 11 points for the Pirates, 14-9, 6-2.

Pass Christian plays host to

Bay High a nondistrict game on Friday.

Friday
Columbia 90, Hancock 63 — Marty Homer scored 12 points and Garriga 11 for the Hawks. Garriga also had 12 rebounds.

GIRLS

Hancock 71, Pearl River Central 47 — The Lady Hawks improved to 16-5, 8-1 after their victory at PRC.

Jessica Pucheu scored 28 points and Mindy Ladner 27 for Hancock. Ladner had 11 rebounds and Pucheu eight.

Pucheu also had six steals and eight assists.

The Lady Hawks trailed 17-13 after the first quarter, but the Lady Hawks rallied to take a 34-24 halftime lead. PRC was

held to a total of 13 points in the second and third quarters.

Columbia 74, Our Lady Academy 38 — Jessica Keller scored 19 points for the Crescents, 3-16.

OLA fell behind 16-5 in the first quarter and trailed 39-22 at the half.

Pass Christian 40, Poplarville 22 — The Lady Pirates held Poplarville to five first half points in their victory at Pass Christian.

The Lady Pirates, 12-4, 2-6, allowed Poplarville only one first quarter point and led 7-1. By the half, Pass Christian led 13-5.

Leslie Smith led Pass Christian with 22 points.

Soccer roundup

Long Beach downs Stanislaus

The Long Beach Bearcats came from behind to edge the St. Stanislaus Rockachaws 2-1 Tuesday night in Bay St. Louis.

Mark Gagnon scored for the Rocks in the first half on an assist from Kile Foster and A.J. Pace. The Bearcats tied the game in the second half on a penalty kick and later scored on a second chance kick near the net for the winning goal.

St. Stanislaus falls to 14-4 overall and 11-2 in district play. Long Beach improves to 9-1 on the season.

The Rocks will face Bay High Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Tiger Stadium.

Our Lady Academy 4, Long Beach girls 0
Our Lady Academy blanked

the visiting Long Beach Lady Bearcats 4-0 Tuesday night in a big divisional contest.

Instead of providing the names of the players scoring goals, etc., Crescent coach Karen Hunt stated, "The entire team gets the credit for this win."

OLA has posted a 12-3 overall record this season and 8-2 in district play. They will be at cross-town rival Bay High Friday at 5:30 p.m. in a huge district matchup to determine first place. The Lady Tigers are 8-3 overall and 8-2 in district action. In the last meeting between the two schools, Bay High won 3-0.

Bay High girls 6, St. John girls 1
The home-standing Bay High

Lady Tigers downed the St. John Lady Eagles 6-1 Monday night in high school soccer action.

Keely Marshall one-touched the ball into the net on a cross from Andie Fillingame for the Lady Tigers' only first half goal.

The second half was all Bay High. Amanda Kingston scored early on another cross from Fillingame to get things started.

Fillingame then scored on a free kick from about 25 yards out. She scored again just a few minutes later after taking a throw-in from her sister Katie and driving from the halfline down the left side and beating a defender just outside the six box for the successful shot on goal.

Kingston then recorded her second goal of the contest on a pass-back from Katie Di-Benedetto who was under extreme pressure inside the six box.

Marshall rounded out the scoring with her second goal on yet another cross from Fillingame.

St. John's lone goal came near the end of the game on a free kick from Caroline Martin.

The Lady Tigers' record stands at 8-3 overall and 8-2 in district play heading into Friday night's showdown with cross-town rival Our Lady Academy. Game time is set for 5:30 p.m. at Joe D. McCollough Tiger Stadium.

Some Packers smiling already

LA JOLLA, Calif. (AP)—The Green Bay Packers arrived at their oceanfront digs with their game faces on, yet linebacker Seth Joyner and Robert Brooks, both preparing for their first Super Bowl, couldn't hide their excitement.

Both are normally poker-faced but both couldn't stop smiling.

"When Seth joined us last summer, I went up to him and asked him if he ever smiled," coach Mike Holmgren said. "And he said, 'I'll smile when

we go to the Super Bowl."

Joyner was grinning big Sunday night after the team arrived at its hotel and settled in to prepare for Super Bowl XXXII and the Denver Broncos.

"I'm loving every minute of it," said Joyner, a 12-year veteran. "For me, this might be a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

"It means the world to him, all the work he's put into this game," said defensive end Reggie White, who played with Joyner on those Philadelphia teams that never made it to the Super Bowl despite their great defenses. "Hopefully, it's going to pay off on Sunday."

Brooks, who missed last year's Super Bowl with a knee injury, downplayed his comeback and getting a chance to play in this year's title game.

"It's not any different than last year," Brooks insisted. "I was a part of this team last year and I was elated to be in New Orleans."

"I'm just as elated about being here this year. The only thing I didn't do last year was practice."

Or play in the big game. And while Brooks says it's no different, his smile says otherwise.

"I don't care what Robert Brooks says, he's going to downplay everything. But he's excited," receiver Antonio Freeman said. "And it really hit me at the end of the 40ers game, just to look at him and see that smile and the happiness and the joy that he was experiencing."

Green Bay is seeking to join the Pittsburgh Steelers as the only teams to twice repeat as Super Bowl champs.

"Green Bay itself is so much a part of this league's history, it would be nice to establish some new history, too," Holmgren said. "All those great games with Vince Lombardi, it would be nice a few years from now to look back on these two years, these two teams, and talk about them in the same kind of way."

"It has the same Dallas, Pittsburgh, San Francisco

kind of feel to it," free safety Eugene Robinson said. "This is a great time for the Green Bay Packers. There's so much history in Green Bay, and we get to showcase it once again."

The Packers are pledging that bliss won't push aside business this week.

Even though the team is staying at the Sheraton Grande Torrey Pines on the Pacific Ocean, next to the Torrey Pines golf course that is the site for a PGA Tour event, Holmgren said he didn't want his players hitting the links.

"I don't think I want them to spend a lot of time on the golf course, but if they want to hit a bucket of balls, that's fine," he said.

But, you can bet quarterback Brett Favre, an avid golfer, will squeeze in a round or two.

He'll have to do get a good tee time.

Just like last year in New Orleans, Holmgren decided not to give his players a day off this week—but he did give them a curfew again.

Bed check is 1 a.m. until Friday, when it's midnight.

"It's not a big deal. I've had a curfew all my life," receiver

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Derrick Mayes said. "Like my mom told me, 'There's nothing you can do after midnight that you can't do before midnight.'"

Freeman said the players don't mind checking in early the week before the biggest game of their lives.

"You don't want to be out until the wee hours of the morning and come out to practice the next day not focused and your mind somewhere else," Freeman said. "It's in the better interests of this football team."

"After Sunday, you can stay

out as long as you want. You can party wherever you want as late as you want."

It's not all work and no play. Families arrive Thursday and the team is planning a trip to the San Diego Zoo on Friday and maybe an excursion to Sea World on Saturday.

But Holmgren said he won't be able to enjoy the festivities like his family will.

"I thought the party we had at the end of the game last year was the best party of the week," he said. "And so we'll shoot for that one again."

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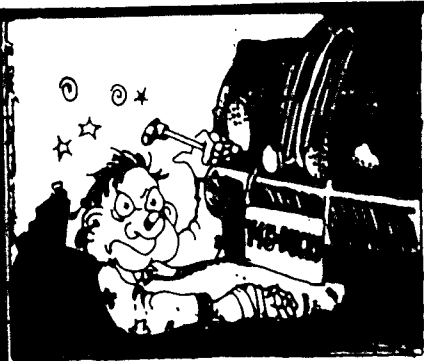
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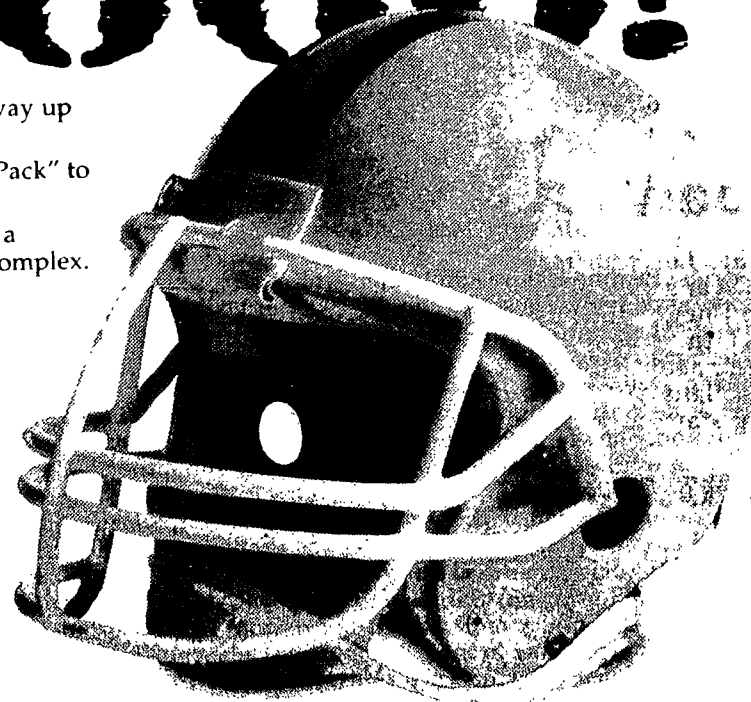
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Wildcats split with SWCC, Holmes

The Pearl River Community College men's and women's basketball teams eye two South Division match-ups this week, following last week's road losses to division rival Southwest and a split with non-division foe Holmes.

The Wildcats fell 96-88 to division leader SWCC Monday in Summit, then pounded Holmes 96-74 in Goodman. The Lady Wildcats were nipped 67-66 in the final seconds by SW's Lady Bears, then dropped their second straight 69-60 to Holmes.

PRCC's men sport a 12-4 overall and 3-2 division mark, while the ladies are 10-5 and 4-1.

In men's action against Southwest, the Wildcats led 46-41 at the half, then took a narrow 50-47 edge in the second half to ice the 8-point victory.

Jeremy Robinson led PRCC scorers with 18 points, while Chad Jones added 17. Marcus

Mackey scored 15 points, including a team-high 9 rebounds, while Willie Kirby had 14 points and 7 boards. Todd Daniels scored 11, Jason Reeves 8, Mynelious Magee 4, and Teddy Poole 1.

From the foul line, Pearl River hit an impressive 21 of 28 (75 percent), while Southwest was 28 of 42 (67 percent).

Against Holmes, the Wildcats led 44-48 at intermission, then pounded the host Bulldogs 52-36 in the second half to take the 22-point victory.

Robinson paced PRCC with 17 points, while Mackey added 14. Kirby and Jones scored 12 each, while Daniel Kennedy scored 9, Reeves 8, Daniels 8, Poole and Nate Williams 5 each, Chris Hathorn 3, and Jeremiah Branch 3.

Daniels also had 7 assists, while Mackey and Kirby managed 6 rebounds each. Raymond Appleberry paced

Holes with a game-high 23 points.

In women's action against Southwest, Hickory, N.C., product Punkin Byrd's game-high 30 points, pushed the Lady Wildcats a 33-30 lead at intermission, but a muffed PRCC lay-up in the final seconds of the game result in 2 points for the hosts and the 67-66 victory. That marked the only time PRCC trailed in the contest.

Besides Byrd, Norma Noel scored 13, Collette Sibley 7, Leigh Slocum 5, Jasmine Baldwin 5, April Wilson 3, and Tammy Swain 3.

Southwest had four players hit in double figures.

Against Holmes, the Lady Wildcats led 32-31 at intermission, but the host Lady Bulldogs' 38-28 advantage in the second half gave PRCC its fifth loss of the season.

Byrd led the Lady Wildcats with 16 points, while Slocum and Noel added 11 each. Alania Pendarvis scored 8, Baldwin

and Missy Wheat 4 each, Jessica Shanklin 2, Wilson 2, and Swain 2.

The Wildcats and Lady Wildcats returned to the hardwood Tuesday, hosting division rival Jones in M. R. White Coliseum on the Poplarville campus, then hit the road for Decatur to face East Central Thursday in more South action. Monday, PRCC hosts arch-rival Mississippi Gulf Coast, then the men host Faulkner State from Mobile Ala., Tuesday.

Biloxi awarded All-Star game

The Mississippi Sea Wolves announced that the East Coast Hockey League has awarded the Sea Wolves the rights to the All-Star game in 1999.

Seven Wildcats sign with senior colleges

Seven Pearl River Community College sophomore football players have signed with senior colleges for the 1998 season, according to Keith Daniels, PRCC athletic director and head coach.

Quarterback Ricky Fremin of Belle Chase, La.; tight end Patrick Garvin of Oak Grove, and offensive lineman Josh Mars of Piacune signed with Belhaven College in Jackson; offensive linemen Jeremy Waldrip of Oak Grove and Alvin Owens of Brooklyn (Forrest County AHS) signed with Division IAA Jacksonville State in Jacksonville, Ala.; quarterback Shane Tapper of Petal signed with Division III Mississippi College in Clinton, and defensive lineman Corey McDowell of Laurens, S.C., signed with Greenville College in Greenville, N.C.

Fremin, Garvin and Mars will be a part of Belhaven's first-ever football squad this fall under head coach Norman Joseph, former offensive coordinator at the University of Southern Mississippi. Belhaven will compete on the NAIA level.

Fremin, a transfer from Northeast Louisiana in Monroe, performed admirably as Tapper's backup this past fall. A pure athlete, the 5-11, 185-pound signal caller connected on 12 of 29 passes this past season for 204 yards and two touchdowns.

Garvin, 6-2, 205 pounds, started at tight end most of the season for the Wildcats and caught 13 passes for 115 yards and 2 TDs. He was also the recipient of the Dobie Holden Memorial Scholarship this past fall.

Mars, 6-1, 235 pounds, is a versatile lineman who played

center for the Wildcats this past season. He graded extremely well on game films by the PRCC coaching staff.

Waldrip, 6-3, 275 pounds, had the talent to start on the offensive front for the Wildcats his freshman season in 1996, but broke his ankle during the 1997 preseason and never returned to the lineup. Daniels said Waldrip's signing with the Division IAA school without any 1997 playing time is a tribute to his talents and abilities.

Owens, one of the Wildcats' largest players at 6-2, 320 pounds, was a second-team All-State selection this past year and played in the 1997 Mississippi Junior/Community College All-Star Classic at Northeast Community College in Booneville Dec. 6. Owens is expected to immediately contribute to the JSU's offensive line.

McDowell, 6-0, 250 pounds, finished the 1997 season with 21 solo tackles and 24 assists, while recording 1 quarterback sack and 3 tackles for losses.

Tapper, 5-11, 170 pounds, was a two-year starter and finished his PRCC career as one of the most prolific passers in the school's history, completing 180 of 357 passes for 2,188 yards and 14 TDs. This past season, he connected on 107 of 207 aerials (52 percent) for 1,454 yards and 11 touchdowns.

In addition, he was the Wildcats' No. 3 rusher for 1997, garnering 220 yards on 60 carries and led the team in scoring with 36 points (6 TDs). Tapper earned All-State honorable mention status his sophomore season and participated in the state all-star game.

Several other Wildcats are expected to sign with major colleges.

Start training now for Stennis Special Olympics

Athletes should begin training now to qualify for the 16th annual John C. Stennis Area III Special Olympics Track and Field Competition March 28.

To be eligible to play, athletes must be at least 8 years old (no upper age limit), be mentally retarded and must have a current medical form on file with the Special Olympics.

Ralph Anderson, Area III director, urges all eligible athletes to sign up for this fun-filled day of games and activities.

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More than 285 athletes took part in the 1997 track and field competitions which included metered walks and races, wheelchair/assisted walks and races, running and standing long jumps, shot put, softball and tennis throws, and bocce ball.

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Road runners race

The Long Beach Family YMCA and the Gulf Coast Running Club (GCRC) are hosting the 11th annual 10K Winter Classic and 1 mile Health Run/Walk Saturday, Jan. 24. Both races start at 9 a.m. Late re-

gistration is 8-8:55 a.m.

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Stanislaus tourney

St. Stanislaus' 10th Annual Invitational Golf Tournament is scheduled for March 6 at Oak Harbor Golf Course in Slidell, La.

The cost is \$75 per person and includes green fees, one-half cart, prizes and food.

All Stanislaus alumni, parents and friends are invited.

For more information, call 467-9057 or write to: St. Stanislaus Alumni Office, P.O. Box 5001, Bay St. Louis, MS, 39521-8001.

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ters will include Albert Necaize, Boyce Holleman, Gayle Parker and Billy MacDonald. The event will be at St. Paul's gym on Scenic Drive in Pass Christian.

Festivities begin with a steak dinner served from 6-8 p.m. with the roasting to follow at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 in advance and \$15 at the door. For advance tickets, call St. Paul School at 865-1353 or Julie Bosley at 865-1353.

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Feb. 7: Ocean Springs Elks 2501 Mardi Gras Parade

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Feb. 7: Orange Grove Carnival Association Parade

Beginning at 2 p.m., this parade starts at Community Park on Community Road, Gulfport. For details: (228) 832-0079.

Feb. 14: Gautier Men's Club Mardi Gras Parade

Parade begins at 7 p.m. at Mississippi Gulf Coast community College, Jackson County campus, Hwy. 90 and circles Singing River Mall, Gautier. For details: (228) 497-2215.

Feb. 14: Krewe of Kids

Parade starts at 11 a.m. at Cedar Point, Waveland. For details: (228) 467-0506.

Feb. 15: Krewe of Nereids Mardi Gras Parade

This parade begins at 1 p.m. at Choctaw Plaza on Hwy. 90, Waveland. For details: (228) 467-4134.

Feb. 15: Long Beach Carnival Association Parade

The Long Beach Mardi Gras parade rolls through Long Beach at 2 p.m. It begins at Lumpkin Stadium on Cleveland. For details: (228) 863-6876.

Feb. 21: Jackson County Carnival Association Mardi Gras Parade

Break out those gaudy, glittering costumes and join in the fun of this Mardi Gras celebration, which will begin at 1 p.m. at the War Memorial stadium on Tucker Street and follow Market Street, Jackson Avenue and Pascagoula Street in downtown Pascagoula. For details: (228) 497-3269 or 762-3391.

Feb. 21: Krewe of Diamondhead Parade

The parade begins at noon, 5600 Diamondhead Drive East and will proceed to Country Club Drive. Some of the floats are decorated golf carts, and the parade theme is "Music, Mastro, Please" and is directed toward the family. For details: (228) 255-7297.

Feb. 21: Krewe of Gemini (day parade)

Considered among the best parades on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, this celebration is family oriented with plenty of floats, quality throws and bands galore. Don't miss it. Parade begins 2 p.m. on 19th Street and 25th Avenue, Gulfport. For details: (228) 832-8935.

Feb. 22: North Bay Mardi Gras Parade

The only Mardi Gras parade in the eastern section of Harrison County with 65 to 75 floats, marching groups, bands, in a 2 1/2-mile parade to celebrate Mardi Gras. Cups, doubloons, stuffed animals and beads are throws. A family parade. Parade begins 2:30 p.m. at the St. Martin Library on Lemoyne Blvd. and will wind its way through the d'Iberville township. Sponsored by North Bay Mardi Gras Association. For details: (228) 497-6699.

Feb. 22: St. Paul's Carnival Association Parade

Parade begins at 2 p.m. at Davis and Handy Street, Pass Christian. For details: (228) 452-7359.

Feb. 23: Gulf Coast Carnival Coronation Mardi Gras Ball

See King d'Iberville and Queen Ixolib crowned to reign over Mardi Gras for 1998. Maids, dukes and past royalty are also presented. View tickets available from the Carnival office. Held at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum, Biloxi. For details: (228) 432-8806.

Feb. 24: Gulf Coast Carnival Association (day parade)

Biloxi 11 a.m. at Main Street, roll south to US-90, north on Lameuse, west on the Washington Loop, south on Reynoir, west on US-90, north on Porter, east on Howard and end at Caillavet. For details: (228) 432-8806.

Feb. 24: Krewe of Neptune Parade

Biloxi beginning at 3 p.m. at Main Street, roll south to US-90, north on Lameuse, west on the Washington Loop, south on Reynoir, west on US-90, north on Porter, east on Howard and end at Caillavet. For details: (228) 385-6520.

Feb. 24: Krewe of Gemini Night Parade

Considered among the best parades on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, this celebration is family oriented with plenty of floats, quality throws and bands galore. Don't miss it. Parade begins at 6 p.m. at 30th Avenue and 30th Street, Gulfport. For details: (228) 868-3104.

Feb. 24: Gulf Coast Carnival Association Night Parade

Parade begins at 5:30 p.m. in Biloxi at Main Street, roll south to US-90, north on Lameuse, west on the Washington Loop, south on Reynoir, west on US-90, north on Porter, east on Howard and end at Caillavet. The captain of the carnival, King d'Iberville, Queen Ixolib, dukes and maids all ride floats. For details: (228) 432-8806.

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Mardi Gras madness reigns supreme

It's a fever that is seasonal in nature; it lasts from Jan. 6 until Ash Wednesday, whatever day that may be each year. There is no cure; if you catch it, you just have to let it run its course.

It's Mardi Gras madness, and it strikes residents and visitors alike this time of year. It isn't native to the Coast; it began centuries ago in Europe. However, it has taken on its own particular symptoms in the 148 years since it first addicted a group of young men in Mobile, Ala.

Those symptoms include a compulsion to dress up in costumes and fancy clothes; a need to stand along as many parade routes as possible and yell, "Throw me something, mister!" at the top of your lungs, then scramble madly for a share of the resulting shower of trinkets; and an insatiable desire for king cake.

ITS ORIGINS

Mardi Gras, French for "Fat Tuesday," began many centuries ago as a pagan celebration of the spring season. As Christianity took hold in the Roman Empire and then became the "state religion," the Early Catholic Church tried to eliminate the custom, which included worship of pagan gods.

However, the pagans didn't want to give up their celebration, so the Church "religified" it by turning it into a day of feast before the required pe-

nances and fastings of Lent. The church coined the name "Carnelevarre," Latin for "farewell to flesh." Over the years, the term was corrupted to its present form, "Carnival."

As the Church adopted and adapted the ritual, it turned into an affair lasting several weeks and including dramas, dances and celebrations. Over the years, it waned in popularity, but was brought back by the French in the Middle Ages.

The French gave the celebration its name of Mardi Gras and added new customs to it, including masquerading at balls and the "Boeuf Gras," which represents the "fatted cow" slaughtered for the feasts.

The "boeuf" was a huge bull, either live or manmade, with gilded horns. It has become Mardi Gras' traditional Symbol.

AMERICAN BEGINNINGS

The first recorded Mardi Gras celebration on American soil was a far cry from the gala events that cause people to throng to the New Orleans-Gulf Coast area these days.

According to information from the Gulf Coast Carnival Association, it started in Mobile in 1830, and wasn't even intended to be a Mardi Gras parade.

In fact, it wasn't intended to be a parade at all. A group of intoxicated young men celebrat-

ing the new year reeled through the town's streets, raising a ruckus with the gongs, rakes and cowbells they brandished.

As they made their way past the mayor's house, he asked them to join him for breakfast.

As a result of the mayor's attention, the young men decided to celebrate the new year this way every year, and called themselves the "Cowbellion de Rakin Society."

By 1840 they had a theme, a ball and a parade, and had become in effect the forerunners to the first Mardi Gras krewe.

By the way, the spelling of "krewe" comes from Milton's Paradise Lost, which the Mystic Krewe of Comus used as the theme for its first parade in New Orleans in 1837.

The group's members paraded on foot through the streets, depicting various gods and demons. Since Milton's epic poem talks of a "krewe" of demons, Comus adopted the old English spelling of "crew." The term stuck, and most Mardi Gras groups today are known as "krewes."

COAST PARADES

On the Mississippi Coast, parading wasn't chronicled as a part of Mardi Gras until 1908, even though the newspapers reported masquerade parties, balls and dinners in the 1880s. The first parade reported was in Biloxi, and took only two weeks to put together.

It included the Boeuf Gras (a live white steer with gilded horns), King Bienville and Queen Ixolil (Biloxi backwards), 17 floats, 150 flambeau (torch) carriers, a band, a grand marshal, the mayor and councilmen.

In 1916 the Biloxi Carnival and Literary Association was founded to promote the reading and study of literature, according to its charter.

Biloxi continued to be the sole local Mardi Gras celebrant until 1929, when other area cities were invited to join. Around 1949, the BCLA changed its name to fit its new coastwide status, and became the Gulf Coast Carnival Association.

Today, other krewes and carnival associations hold their own parades, and the GCCA has refocused on Biloxi as its celebration headquarters.

However, any krewe or association generally is welcome to enter any parade.

On the west end of the Coast, the Krewe of Nereids holds one of the biggest parades.

The St. Paul's parade claims a distinction no other parade can, a spokesman said. "In all our years of having a parade, it has never rained on the parade. It has rained before the parade; it has rained after the parade; but it has never rained during the parade."

MARDI GRAS MUSEUM

For those who want to know more about the history of Mardi Gras on the Coast, there's the Mardi Gras Museum in Biloxi.

Run by the Gulf Coast Carnival Association, the museum includes memorabilia and costumes from past Coast parades.

The museum is in the first floor of the Magnolia Hotel in Biloxi. The GCCA's offices are on the second floor.

The oldest hotel on the Coast, the Magnolia Hotel was built in 1847 for John Hohn, a German immigrant who operated a bar-room in it until his death less than a year after the hotel's completion. His wife, Elizabeth, operated the hotel after his death, then the Holley family, descendants of Hohn, took over its running until the city acquired it.

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Krewe of Kamehameha royalty crowned

The Diamondhead Boaters Association Krewe of Kamehameha presented its Coronation Ball Saturday, Jan. 3 at the Broadwater Beach Hotel.

This year's theme was "Nine Ladies Dancing," and the ballroom was appropriately decorated.

Mistress of ceremony, Shirley Blanchflower, welcomed visiting royalty and announced the entrance of 1997 King Frank Gasper and Queen Rusty Cobb.

They presented the Dolphin Award, an honor bestowed on krewe members who have served in an extraordinary manner to Mrs. Toni Cumming. She is one of only nine recipients in the krewe's 24-year history.

King Akua Kai XXIV-elect Mickey Jordan and Queen-elect Pat Morgan made their grand entrance and promenade. They received their crowns and scepters in traditional ceremony from King Frank and Queen Rusty.

The bearer of gifts was presented by Commodore Jesse Morgan (the royal engraved goblets), Bernice Turner (the royal colors) and Kathy Wood (the Ali'i medallions).

The Royal Court was introduced: Lady-in-Waiting, Audrey (Mrs. Lloyd) Ramirez, Maids, Mrs. Phil (Jerry) Gillen and Jeanne (Mrs. Harvey) Comfort; Equier, Lloyd Ramirez; and Dukes, Bob Gustin and Joe MacMillan.

After a gourmet dinner, entertainment was provided by Pam Marshall, Ruth Moran, Marge Edwards, Theresa Rankin, Marcia Frisina, and Shirley Schaffer, tapping to Chatanooga Choo Choo.

With great fanfare, the king cake was wheeled into the room to serve the 200 guests. Within the circle of the cake sat a huge crowned baby doll reaching out to all to let the fun begin.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Blanchflower were the chairmen for the ball. Pam Marshall was in charge of the decorations.

The Mardi Gras ball will be held at the Broadwater Beach Hotel Feb. 7. This year's theme is "Love Boat."



King Akua Kai XXIV Mickey Jordan
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Every 15 minutes on Thursdays in January and February, one slots or table game player will be randomly selected between 5 and 11 p.m. Winners may opt for \$100 cash or 100 free pulls on the Magical Wishes slot machine on which you could win up to \$100,000.

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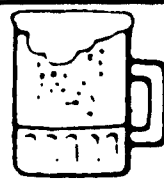
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Tax incentives for parents with college-bound kids

Q. We have a child in high school and one in elementary school and want to be prepared for college costs. I have seen references to new tax incentives to help parents pay for tuition and other college expenses. Can you give us some more information?

A. There have never been so many ways to save taxes on college expenses thanks to the emphasis Congress placed on education incentives last year. Middle-income families gained new tax credits, student loan interest deductions, education savings accounts, and IRA penalty waivers last year.

The benefits are limited to those within qualifying income ranges. But higher income families and grandparents may find the new capital gains rates a way to reduce taxes and pay for college.

There are two new credits for families with education expenses. The HOPE Scholarship credit is available as of Jan. 1 for students in their first two years of college and vocational school.

The credit equals 100 percent

of the first \$1,000 of tuition and fees, plus 50 percent of the next \$1,000. To qualify, a student must attend school at least half-time.

The Lifetime Learning credit will be available starting in July of this year. This credit is available to undergraduate and graduate-level students, as well as students taking professional degree courses and courses designed to improve job skills.

The student can be enrolled on a full-time, half-time or less than half-time basis. The maximum Lifetime Learning credit is 20 percent of qualifying tuition and fees up to a maximum credit of \$1,000 or maximum expenses of \$5,000.

The maximum credit rises in 2003 to \$2,000 or 20 percent of up to \$10,000 in expenses. Both credits are phased out between \$80,000 and \$100,000 on a joint return.

Since you still have time to save, the new education IRA's may be of immediate interest to you. These custodial accounts or trusts were created exclusively for paying higher education expenses of a named beneficiary.

Contributions up to \$500 per beneficiary are allowed until the student reaches age 18.

Contributions cannot be made to both an Education IRA and a qualified State tuition program for the same beneficiary in the same year. Money put in the Education IRA is not deductible but the earnings can accumulate tax-free.

Distributions from the accounts are tax-free if they are used for qualified higher education expenses regardless of how many classes the student is taking.

If the student is enrolled half-time or more, room and board are qualifying expenses. Money not used on education is subject to tax and a 10 percent penalty. However, funds can be rolled

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Consumer Money Management Specialist



from one beneficiary to another family until the original beneficiary reaches age 30. The benefit is phased out between \$150,000 and \$160,000 adjusted gross income for joint filers (between \$95,000 and \$110,000 for single filers).

It is now easier to use a regular IRA to fund education also. Withdrawals from a traditional IRA are no longer subject to the 10 percent early withdrawal penalty if funds are used for college or vocational school. You will have to pay the ordinary income tax, unlike with the Education IRA.

A special above-the-line deduction for interest paid on student loans begins this year. Families get this deduction even if they don't itemize. The maximum deduction is \$1,000. It increases by \$500 a year until it tops out at \$2,500 in 2001.

This benefit phases out for incomes between \$60,000 and \$75,000 on a joint return (between \$40,000 and \$55,000 on a single return).

Another opportunity was created by the changes in capital gains rates. For instance, a grandparent wishing to help fund a child's college may wish to give appreciated property like stock rather than cash.

While the grandparent's and parent's tax bracket is maybe 28 percent with a capital gains rate of 20 percent, the child's tax rate may be 15 percent with 10 percent on capital gains.

And if the child won't need the money till after the year 2001 and property has been held at least five years, taxes could be as low as 8 percent. Consult your tax advisor before making large gifts and transfers such as these.

Tourism conference set for February 1-4

Blazing New Trails, Mississippi's statewide annual hospitality and tourism conference, is scheduled for Feb. 1-4 at the Silver Star Resort and Casino in Philadelphia.

Sponsored by the Mississippi Travel Association (MTA) and the Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development's Tourism Development Division, the event is expected to draw more than 200 hoteliers, restaurateurs and other industry leaders.

"We hope to continue to unite and promote the tourism and hospitality industry with this conference by providing topics that are relevant to the tourism industry in Mississippi," said Darienne Wilson, executive director of MTA.

"This conference will afford educational opportunities for members of the industry as well as provide the occasion for networking among industry professionals."

Hudson's acquires Minneapolis company

Hudson Salvage Inc., based in Purvis, has announced the acquisition of M. F. Bank Retail Division, a three-store off-price retail company based in Minneapolis, Minn.

The acquisition solidified Hudson's position as America's leading salvage merchandiser now with 14 stores in three states and over 600,000 sq. ft. of retail selling space.

Hudson's now employs over 750 associates as it adds the Minnesota associates to the Hudson family.

"We look forward to their role in helping Hudson's become the nation's ultimate off-price retail company by the grace of God," said Bill Hudson Jr., CEO and president of Hudson Salvage, Inc.

Quickbooks workshop

The University of Southern Mississippi's Small Business Development Center is offering a four-part workshop, "Introduction to Quickbooks/Quickbooks Pro For Small Business" on Wednesday, Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25, 9 a.m.-noon at the USM Gulf Park Campus, 730 East Beach Blvd., Long Beach.

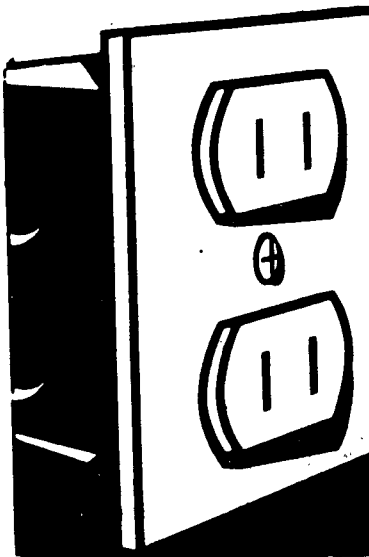
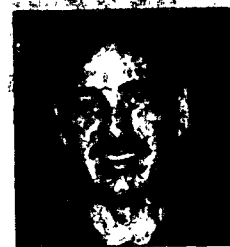
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SHARE LARGE HOUSE in Pass Christian. Private bedroom, bathroom, sitting room, share kitchen. Three blocks to beach, shopping plaza. Quiet surroundings. Furnished or unfurnished. \$380 month, half utilities. 452-3852.

147 Apt. For Rent

1 & 2 BEDROOMS FOR LEASE: Rent starting at \$365 & \$390. Call us for specials. Pimlico Square Apartments, 101 Pimlico Street, Long Beach, MS. 664-4661.

147 Apt. For Rent

1 BR COTTAGE, CENT. A/H, stove & fridge, 208 CARROLL AVE. BSL, APT E. \$325/mo., plus \$200/dep. 467-5662 or 467-4613.

FURNISHED COTTAGE FOR RENT 255-9246.

GULF GROVE APARTMENTS - 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms. \$100 deposit, ask about our 2 bedroom special. Corner of Hwy 90 & Waveland Ave. Waveland. 467-3122.

Unique 2 bedroom floor plan, pool, tennis court. No utility deposit for qualifying residents. Flexible leases for transfers, appointments available after hours and weekends. \$470/month. Oak Park Apartments 467-6882.

ONE BEDROOM, LIVING ROOM, kitchen & bath, Bayside Park. \$200/dep, \$300/mo. 467-5163.

RENOVATED TWO BEDROOM, 1 BATH, central ac, cable ready, \$425/mo. 467-1393.

SIGNATURE LAKE APARTMENTS. One bedroom, starting at \$360; Two bedroom starting at \$395; Three bedroom at \$495. Section 8 welcome. Call about our move in special. 452-9901.

SUN SUITES EXTENDED STAY HOTEL. Fully equipped kitchen/bath, living area, laundry, queen size beds, cable. No lease. Starting at \$149.00 wkly. 466-5251.

UNFURNISHED 1 BEDROOM, LR, DINING area, completely furnished kitchen including dishwasher & washer/dryer, bath. Pool privileges, off street parking, fenced yard. 466-9310.

WATERFRONT DUPLEX furnished. Includes elec., cable, phone, laundry, \$500/mo, \$200/dep. or \$150/week. 463-9642.

WATERFRONT: UNFURNISHED, 1500 sq. ft., 2/bedroom, dining room, 1 1/2 bath, all kitchen appliances, washer/dryer, hoo-kups, pet-free environment, \$450/month plus deposit. 467-6849.

148 Mobile Homes For Rent

2 BEDROOM TRAILER FOR RENT, Kin area. 255-5529.

2BR, 1 1/2 BA, CLEAN, WATERFRONT. No water or sewage fee, pet-free environment. \$350/month, \$350/deposit. 1-504-649-0826.

TWO & THREE BEDROOMS. Partially furnished. Laundry. Cable available. Pet-free environment Close to Wellman. Monthly/weekly. Pearlinton, MS. 601-533-7001.

UNFURNISHED, 2 BR/1 BA, H/A, carpeted, good location in Waveland. \$350/mo, dep. required. (504)288-3819/leave message on recorder.

UNFURNISHED, 3 BR/2 BA, H/A, carpeted, carpet, quiet area on Hwy. 90. \$450/mo, deposit required. (504)288-3819/leave message on recorder.

WATERFRONT: SMALL 1BR/1BA, pet-free/smoke-free environment. Water furnished. \$250/mo, \$150/deposit, lease/ references required. 467-1380.

149 Mobile Homes For Sale

10 x 50 MOBILE HOME, TWO BEDROOM, \$700. 255-1360.

ABANDONED MOBILE HOME, 1 ACRE home site. 601-831-0584.

BEEN TURNED DOWN FOR FINANCING on a mobile home? Help is possible. Call Mr. Price 504-649-7600 or 1-800-256-9956.

FALL MADNESS. WE'VE GONE MAD! "No payment til March '98; "X-tra low, low down payments; "X-tra low monthly payments; "Special pricing and rebates on select models; "Free delivery; "Could there be anything else? For more mad information call 504-649-7600 or 1-800-256-9956. AAA Homes, I-10, Sidel.

INSURANCE FOR YOUR MOBILE HOMES: Best Prices on the Coast. Easy monthly payments. Call Paul Smith Insurance Agency, 467-4607 or 467-1152.

LEFT IN LAYAWAY: MUST SELL. 3 bedrooms. Low monthly. 888-208-3600.

LIKE NEW DOUBLEWIDE PRICED to sell. 228-832-6528.

NEWLY RENOVATED 65x14 house trailer w/new 18,000 BTU air conditioner new pump. On leased land. Can live in or be moved. Also, 14x18 bldg. w/half bath. Located in Pearlinton. Selling all for \$6,500. 504-279-3415.

OAKWOOD HOMES: We have 26 beautiful homes and 3 ugly ones. 888-208-3600.

ON THE BAYOU: 2 Br - 2 Bt: Livable, well, sewer: As is: off 603 @ 5091 1st. St. \$24,500: owner financing: 467-1680, 466-9329.

REVENUE PRODUCING: Shoreline Park, two mobile homes on three lots, power, water, septic, potential. \$450-\$500 per month. Owner financing available, \$15,000. Paul N. Sedko, Broker, 467-0605.

TAKE OVER PAYMENTS! 16x80 3 bedrooms. 601-208-3600.

WAVE NEW MOBILE

And We're cutting prices! SEA SHORES REALTY 940 Hwy. 90 • Waveland • MS • 392-2844

150 Unfurn. Houses For Rent

2 BEDROOM HOUSE, PET-FREE environment. \$450/month plus deposit 467-6072.

3 BEDROOM, 2 1/2 BATH HOUSE ON water, w/bulkhead & pier, fenced yard. Available after 1 Feb. \$750/month w/1st & last month rent in advance. One year lease required. 467-4618.

3 BEDROOM, 3 BATH HOUSE, close to Casino Magic, schools & shopping. Quiet neighborhood. \$700/month, \$700/security deposit. 467-2541.

BRAND-NEW 3/2 LUXURY HOMES for rent in the Kapalama Cove development, \$885. Other homes for rent from \$750. Call Century 21 of Diamondhead, 228-255-3550, open 7 days a week.

FOR RENT: 2 BEDROOM COTTAGE, unfurnished except for stove, refrigerator. Large lot, quiet area, Pass Christian, \$400/month. 452-9343.

LOOKING FOR A RENTAL? CALL US! Ashman Mollere Realty Incorporated. 467-5454.

153 Real Estate Wanted

WANTED TO PURCHASE: FIXER-UPPER, or vacant lot near beach in BSL or Waveland. Call Ed, 463-9491/leave message.

156 Lots/Acreage

1 LOT 60X166.7 ON EAST RIDLEY ST. 1/2 block off of Hancock Drive. \$2,500. 1-504-662-5285.

2 LOTS 50X100 EACH ON 8TH ST. Approx. 200 ft. off of Ave. B. \$3,000 for both. 1-504-662-5285.

9 TO 16 ACRE TRACTS, 12 MILES East of Poylune on paved road. No mobile homes. Starting at \$23,000, \$1,000 down, \$264 mo. 467-6348.

CLERMONT HIGHLANDS - 210'x110', well, septic, driveway, trailer, \$6,500. Good home site. 467-6624.

LARGE, PRIVATE WATERFRONT ready to build. Old Lazy River Rd., owner financing, \$26,900; additional lot, Washington St., \$6,500. 467-2545, 504-626-0977.

LOT 50x120, ST. TO ST., WATER & sewerage, off Margie St., Waveland, \$2,800. 463-0801.

TWO WATERFRONT LOTS MINUTES from Jourdan River w/12'x44' mobile home, large cabana, pump house, piers, fenced, central sewer, boat launch. \$29,500 owner financing at 9% for 15 years with \$4,500 down. Payments approx. \$254/mo.; plus taxes; insurance; sewer & garbage. 463-0042, 467-3935.

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158 Commercial Property

COAST PLAZA under construction. Leasing 900 to 1500 sq. ft. units. Corner McLaurin Ave. & Hwy 90, near Waveland-Bay St. Louis line. Ideal location for your office, retail or service business. 228-466-3333.

COMMERCIAL BUILDING WITH adjoining efficiency apartment. Water is included. \$800/month, \$300/deposit. 100 "D" Blaise Ave., B.S.L. 463-0043 or 467-3935.

Public Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed bids for Construction of Additions and Renovations, Charles B. Murphy Elementary and Vocational School, Hancock County, Mississippi, will be received by the Hancock County School Board at the School District Office, 17304 Highway 603, Km. MS 39556, until 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 25, 1998 and then opened and read aloud. Single stipulated sum bids will be received for all work required by the Contract Documents in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Form of Contract Bond, Drawings, Specifications and other Contract Documents are on file at the School District Office, 17304 Highway 603, Km. MS 39556 and may be examined there and at the following:

1. Office of the Architect
2. ABC Plan Rooms, Gulfport, Jackson, Hattiesburg and Meridian, Mississippi
3. ABC Plan Rooms, Gulfport and Jackson, Mississippi
4. CIA of New Orleans, Inc., New Orleans, Louisiana
5. ASA, Plan Room, Jackson, Mississippi
6. Dodge Plan Rooms, Mobile, Alabama, and Grand Prairie, Texas

Copies may be obtained at the office of Johnson Bailey Henderson McNeil Architects, P.A., 1855 Lakeland Drive, Building 707, Jackson, MS 39216, or P.O. Box 13449, Jackson, MS 39236, upon payment of a deposit of \$75.00 per set. Deposit refundable in full to bidders who return the documents in good condition within 110 days after bid date for up to two sets for General Contractors, one set for Mechanical and Electrical Contractors, and a limited quantity of other subcontractors and material suppliers contingent upon availability. All other sets will be returned \$25.00 per set upon receipt. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all bids.

Each bidder must deposit with his security in the amount, form and to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

Bidders shall comply with law of the State of Mississippi requiring Certificate of Responsibility. Resident contractors shall, in accordance with laws of the State of Mississippi, be granted reference over non-residents in the award of this contract in the same manner and to the same extent as provided by the laws of the state of domicile of the non-resident. A non-resident contractor shall attach to his proposal a copy of his resident state's current law pertaining to such state's treatment of non-resident contractors.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Hancock County School Board, Hancock County, Mississippi. Terry Randolph, Superintendent. 1-22, 1-29-98

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

SHERRI SMITH, PLAINTIFF VS. DANNY SMITH, DEFENDANT

SUMMONS NO. 980018 (Service by Publication: Residence Unknown)

TO: DANNY SMITH, whose last known Post Office or Street address was 401 Lexington, Kentucky, 40517. You have been made a Defendant in the lawsuit filed in this Court by Sherri Smith, Plaintiff, whose mailing address is 7211 Union Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

The Plaintiff filed against you an initial civil action alleging Willful, Obsolete and Continuous Detention for the Space of One Year and is seeking a divorce on the grounds aforementioned as set forth in Mississippi Code as Annotated, Section 93-5-1.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a copy of a written Answer either admitting or denying each allegation in the Complaint attached hereto, to DAVID P. OLIVER, the attorney for the plaintiff(s), whose address is a Post Office Box 1300, 1921 22nd Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi, 39502.

YOUR ANSWER MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 15th DAY OF JANUARY, 1998, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR ANSWER IS NOT MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within reasonable time after said date.

WITNESS my signature and official seal this 14th day of January, 1998.

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK BY: L. SCARBOROUGH, Court Clerk

Dated 1-12-98 1-15, 1-22, 1-29-98

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on May 2, 1995, George W. Foutch and Barbara L. Foutch, executed a deed of trust to Robert G. Barnett, Trustee for the benefit of Deposit Guaranty National Bank, which deed of trust is recorded in Deed Book 431 at Page 279 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid, Deposit Guaranty National Bank, the holder of said deed of trust and the note secured thereby, submitted to the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument dated December 10, 1997 and recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 500 at Page 154; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby, having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, Deposit Guaranty National Bank, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substituted Trustee's fees and expense of sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Gary Massey, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on the 17th day of February, 1998, offer for sale at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, and sell within legal hours (beginning between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.) at the Main Front door of the County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, the following described property situated in the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi:

Lot 404 Hundred Twenty (420), Silver Creek Acres, a subdivision according to the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, as per map or plat of said subdivision on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi;

I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this, the 7th day of January, 1998.

John C. Underwood, Jr. SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE 1-22, 1-29, 2-5, 2-12-98

NOTICE OF SALE

TO: Malinda Patterson c/o Mrs. Robertson 405 Washington St. Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

Please take notice that the hereinafter described goods will be sold at a public auction to the highest bidder for cash:

Said sale will be conducted at 703 Dunbar Avenue, in front of Unit #11, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 beginning at 11:00 A.M. on the 6th day of February, 1998.

This the 20th day of January, 1998.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, until 11:00 a.m., February 2, 1998, and shortly thereafter publicly opened for:

PROVIDING ONE OR MORE SPREADER/GRADER OR EQUAL FOR USE BY THE HANCOCK COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT.

Bid specifications are available, upon request, from the Office of the Chancery Clerk, Hancock County Courthouse, 150 Main Street, P.O. Box 429, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520; or by calling 467-0172.

All envelopes must be marked on the outside of the envelope "BID ENCLOSED" and state the item bid on and the bid opening date.

All envelopes must be stamped filed in the Hancock County Chancery Clerk's office by 11:00 a.m. on the day of the bid opening.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, this 5th day of January, 1998.

(SEAL)

Timothy A. Kellar, Clerk, Board of Supervisors Hancock County, Mississippi. By: Terry E. Guendard, D.C. 1-15, 1-22-98

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, until 11:00 a.m., February 2, 1998, and shortly thereafter publicly opened for:

PROVIDING AND DELIVERING JOINT AND CRACK SEALER MATERIAL FOR CONCRETE AND ASPHALT FOR USE BY THE HANCOCK COUNTY SEAWALL DEPARTMENT.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

MICHAEL E. GIMMICKS, PLAINTIFF VS. KELLIE HARRIS JOSEPH T. KIRKLAND, JR. IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, DEFENDANTS

CAUSE NO. 980025

TO: (A) Kellie Harris, a resident of the State of Mississippi, whose last known place of residence, post office box, and street address was 15315 Clara Avenue, Gretna, Louisiana, 70053, but whose present place of residence, post office box, and street address are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and cannot be ascertained, if alive, and if deceased, her heirs at law or devisees.

(B) Joseph E. Kirkland, Jr., a non-resident of the State of Mississippi, whose last known place of residence, post office box, and street address was P.O. Box 1078 West Point, Mississippi, 39773, but whose present place of residence, post office box, and street address are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and cannot be ascertained, if alive, and if deceased, his heirs at law or devisees.

Any and all other persons having or claiming any right, title or interest in and to the hereinafter described property.

All that part of Lot 27, Rear Second Ward, Bay St. Louis, as by official plat of said company, who E. S. Drake, that lies southwest, contiguous and adjacent to the south line of Lot 131 and the eastern 13 1/4 feet of Lot 132 of the Engman Subdivision as per official plat of said subdivision in Book 9-9, Pages 426-428, of the land records of Hancock County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the eastern line of the south margin of said Lot 131 and the eastern 13 1/4 feet of Lot 132 of the Engman Subdivision as per official plat of said subdivision in Book 9-9, Pages 426-428, of the land records of Hancock County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows:

Street, thence south 70 degrees 12 minutes east along the original extension of Esterbrook Street, 181 feet to an iron pin in place at the NE corner of the Bay Discount Glass Company property, thence south 19 degrees 48 minutes west for 84 feet to the south margin of Lot 132 of Engman Subdivision for the point of beginning, thence continuing south 19 degrees 48 minutes west 60 feet to the south margin of said Lot 131, thence south 88 degrees 12 minutes west for 41 feet to an iron pin, thence north 19 degrees 48 minutes east, 60 feet to the south margin of said Lot 131, thence south 88 degrees 12 minutes west, 48 1/4 feet to the place of beginning.

You have been made defendants in the lawsuit filed in this Court by Michael E. Gimmicks, Plaintiff, whose address is 141 Lakewood Dr. Waveland, Mississippi, 39576.

The complaint filed against you has initiated a civil action alleging legal ownership of the above described property and seeking to quiet and confirm title.

You are required to file with the Clerk of this Court a written answer either admitting or denying each allegation in the complaint, and in addition, a copy of your written answer shall be mailed or hand delivered to DAVID P. OLIVER, the attorney for the plaintiff(s), whose address is a Post Office Box 1300, 1921 22nd Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi, 39502.

YOUR ANSWER MUST BE FILED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 22nd DAY OF JANUARY, 1998, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR ANSWER IS NOT SO FILED, MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within reasonable time after said date.

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Timothy A. Kellar, CHANCERY CLERK BY: Pamela Guendard, D.C. 1/8, 1/15, 1/22/98

Public Notice

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Timothy A. Kellar, CHANCERY CLERK BY: Pamela Guendard, D.C. 1-22, 1-29, 2-5-98

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on August 10, 1994, Deborah Susan McNeil executed a certain deed of trust to Edna T. Collier, Trustee for the benefit of Sunbelt Mortgage Corporation, which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi, Book 15, Page 377; and

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to Standard Mortgage Corporation by instrument dated November 1, 1995 and recorded in Book 453 at Page 728 of the Hancock County Land Records;

WHEREAS, Standard Mortgage Corporation has heretofore substituted J. Gary Massey as Trustee by instrument dated December 8, 1997 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 499, Page 480; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby, having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, Standard Mortgage Corporation, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substituted Trustee's fees and expense of sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Gary Massey, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on January 23, 1998 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (beginning between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the main door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, located at Bay St. Louis to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi:

LOTS 25, 26 and 27, Block 9, WAVELAND PARK SUBDIVISION, City of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per map or plat of said subdivision on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi;

I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE ON December 18, 1997

J. Gary Massey SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE for Standard Mortgage Corporation 1-1, 1-8, 1-15, 1-22-98

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, Rudy LeBlanc and Marilyn LeBlanc, Trustee for the benefit of Tower Loan of Poplarville, Inc., do hereby offer for sale to the highest bidder, and sell within legal hours (beginning between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.) at the Main Front door of the County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, the following described property situated in the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi:

Lot 404 Hundred Twenty (420), Silver Creek Acres, a subdivision according to the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, as per map or plat of said subdivision on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi;

I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

Dated this 26th day of December, 1997

Jack R. Lee, Trustee P.O. Box 6000 Jackson, MS 39288-6000 1-8, 1-15, 1-22, 1-29-98

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

A. ELMER, JR. PLAINTIFF VS. DR. B. BOWAN BRACH, MRS. B. BOWAN BRACH, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, DEFENDANTS

PUBLICATIONS SUMMONS

TO: (A) Dr. B. Bowan Brach, a resident of the State of Mississippi, whose last known address, both post office and street address, is 4416 St. Peter Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70119, after diligent search and inquiry, and if he be dead, his heirs at law or devisees, whose names, last known addresses, both post office and street addresses, are unknown. After diligent search and inquiry (b) Mrs. B. Bowan Brach, a resident of the State of Mississippi, whose last known address, both post office and street address, is 4416 St. Peter Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70119, after diligent search and inquiry, and if she be dead, his heirs at law or devisees, whose names, last known addresses, both post office and street addresses, are unknown. After diligent search and inquiry: (c) Any and all other persons having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in and to the hereinafter described land.

Lot 33, Block 6, Jourdan River Shores, Phase 2, as per the official plat thereof on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Plat Book 3 at page 64.

You have been made defendants in the lawsuit filed in this Court by A. Elmer, Jr., plaintiff, whose address is c/o George H. Lipscomb, Jr., P.O. Box 2114, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521.

The complaint filed against you has initiated a civil action alleging legal ownership of the above described property and seeking to quiet and confirm title.

You are required to file with the Clerk of this Court a written answer either admitting or denying each allegation in the complaint, and in addition, a copy of your written answer shall be mailed or hand delivered to DAVID P. OLIVER, the attorney for the plaintiff(s), whose address is a Post Office Box 1300, 1921 22nd Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi, 39502.

YOUR ANSWER MUST BE FILED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 22nd DAY OF JANUARY, 1998, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR ANSWER IS NOT SO FILED, MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within reasonable time after said date.

WITNESS my signature and official seal this 6th day of January, 1998.

Timothy A. Kellar, CHANCERY CLERK BY: Pamela Guendard, D.C. 1/8, 1/15, 1/22/98

Public Notice

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: ESTATE OF SHERWOOD W. ZIEBER, DECEASED

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS NO. 980017

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 12 day of January, 1998, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor on the estate of Sherwood W. Zieber, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to the law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred.

THIS 12 day of January, 1998

JAMES P. GILBERT, Executor 1-15, 1-22, 1-29-98

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

DUPRE J. LAPORTE, JR. PLAINTIFF VS. JAMES JOSEPH LAPORTE, PETITIONERS

HEIRS AT LAW OF DUPRE J. LAPORTE, DECEASED, DEFENDANTS

CASE NO. 970898

TO: THE HEIRS AT LAW OF DUPRE J. LAPORTE, DECEASED, (other than Petitioners), whose names, last known addresses, are unknown after diligent search and inquiry.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 11th day of February, 1998, in the Courtroom of the Hancock County Court Annex at 306 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded and in the petition, but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court this 31st day of Dec., 1997.

(SEAL)

TIM KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK BY: MANDI AHLERS, DEPUTY CLERK 1-8, 1-15, 1-22-98

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

RICHARD P. HAGEN, PLAINTIFF VS. UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF OPHELIA PASSALAO-HAGEN, DECEASED, DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS NO. 970899

TO: The Unknown Heirs at Law of Ophelia Passalao-Hagen, deceased

YOUTH

Students take active role in Chamber

Hancock County High School students have taken an active role in the community by serving as ex-officio members of the Hancock Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors.

Students from St. Stanislaus, Our Lady Academy, Bay High, Coast Episcopal and Hancock High are currently taking part in the Hancock Chamber program.

One student from each school is selected by the faculty of that school for a one-year term as an ex-officio board member. Each student acts as an ambassador

for his or her school informing the actual board of directors of past and upcoming events.

"We now use (high school) juniors for two reasons: the students get a full term with the current board of directors, and the students get a year's worth of issues in the community," said Cindy Vernon, executive director of the Hancock Chamber of Commerce.

"The students are aware of what the community does, they give input, and they gain experience as future leaders."

"The program is educational and fun," said junior Kevin Estrade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Estrade of Bay St. Louis. "By getting more involved, we are given a broad perspective of the community."

Pass High School News

Student Council members at Pass Christian High School help make sure that fellow students and teachers have happy birthdays with their Birthday Balloon Project.

Since the start of the school year, Student Council members have taken a decorated balloon to every Pass High student and teacher for birthday. Members estimate they have given out around 300 balloons so far.

"No matter how old you are, it's always nice to have your birthday remembered," says Student Council sponsor Melissa Harris.

Harris says the students came up with the idea over the summer and have been working hard at the project ever since. They decorate and distribute the balloons first thing each morning on school days.

The group has been busy, Harris says. Hardly a day goes by without a birthday, and before a holiday balloons are delivered to all students whose birthdays fall on the holiday.

"We used to announce birthdays over the intercom in the morning," says Student Council member LaSonia Dedeaux. "But this is less hectic and a little more special."

Member Tiffany Cuevas says the best thing about the Birthday Balloon Project is that "everybody knows it's your birthday."

Pass High's 1997-98 Student Council includes Chasty Dedeaux, president; Vanessa Culppepper, vice president; Michelle Casagagne, secretary; Tracy Ashley, parliamentarian; and members Nick Alexander, Nichol Armstrong, Stacy Bradley, Tiffany Cuevas, April Culppepper, Deven Daniels, Amanda Dedeaux, LaSonia Dedeaux, Raynoid Dedeaux, Brad DeWitt, Angel Grice, Binah Hall, Kerri Jones, LaToya Jones, Leigh Jones, Eran Landry, LaTresa Lizana, Krystle Madden, Ben Miles, Paul Necaise, Kammy Peoples, Lauren Pudwill and Ryan Williams.



Students of the Month

St. Stanislaus January Students of the Month include, top row from left, junior Denny Li, freshman Neil Favre, sophomore Stephen Peterman and senior Derek Bradley; bottom row, seventh grader Chad Ladner, eighth grader Ross Dellenger, and sixth grader Ryan Wattingney. The students are chosen on the basis of sincerity, respect, courtesy, cooperation, effort, service, moral character and achievement.

Diamondhead Academy News

What an exciting time second semester is for Diamondhead Academy. We are working hard to accomplish our New Year's resolutions while our rooms are humming with happy voices and sounds of learning.

In January we prepare for the 100th School Day Event, St. Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras and Countdown. The Academy's principal, Derinda Cain says, "My resolution for Diamondhead Academy is to enhance our standard of academic excellence while nurturing the spirit of each student. Together — students, parents and teachers — we do create power through learning."

The kindergartners take charge of the annual 100th School Day festivities every year. The dates set for his are Thursday, Jan. 22 and Friday, Jan. 23. On Thursday, the kindergartners learn to count to 100 pennies by ones, twos, fives and tens.

Each child brings 100 items to school, such as beans, paper clips, pennies, etc. Their class stages an event for each grade level's participation on Friday morning. The 100 yard relay, dash, jumping, toe touches and bouncing ball are among these.

In honor of Arbor Day, Feb. 13, the Diamondhead Garden Club will donate trees and flowering shrubs to the Academy enhancing the wildlife garden and nature trail project. The sixth graders thank garden club members for their generous donation.

Prior to St. Valentine's Day, the entire student body will make valentines for the Veter-

ans Hospital in Biloxi. Academy board member, Cal Rogers, will deliver them as she does every year.

The St. Valentine's Day dance will be held in Roger's Hall Feb. 13 for pre-school age through eighth grade.

The Academy will also participate in the Diamondhead Mardi Gras parade Saturday, Feb. 21.

Other topics and events we are preparing for in February are Groundhog Day, Presidential Month, Science Fair, Earth Science and Dental Health and Hygiene.

We are already planning our annual spring fund raiser, "Countdown," scheduled for March 15. We need major community support for this project. So, please be ready to help when you are asked.

LSU dean's list

The LSU Office of Academic Affairs has announced the names of students who earned a place on the dean's list by achieving grade-point averages of 3.5 and above during the fall 1997 semester.

Students included are: Christopher David Boston and Kellie Michelle Murray, College of Arts and Sciences; and Richard Durabb Dinon and Christopher Charles Roth, College of Basic Sciences, all of Bay St. Louis.

Elks honoree

Megan Boos of Slidell, the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Boos of Bay St. Louis, was selected Teenager of the Month by the Elks Club in St. Tammany Parish. She is in the eighth grade at St. Mary Margaret Mary Catholic School in Slidell.

Public Notice

NOTICE TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS OF HANCOCK COUNTY AND OTHER ADJOINING COUNTIES

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, authorized the advertisement for bids from Financial Institutions for the privilege of keeping the City of Bay St. Louis's funds, or any part thereof, for a period of two years, in accordance with Section 27-105-315 & 353, Mississippi Code of 1972. Bids should be delivered to the Municipal Clerk's Office, 111 Court Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521, before 4:00 p.m. January 29, 1998.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ALVIN G. PIKE, JR., DECEASED
ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CAUSE NO. 98-0032

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 20 day of Jan., 1998, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Alvin G. Pike, Jr., deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 20th day of January, A.D., 1998
MIRREILLE MAJEAU PIKE
1-22; 1-29; 2-5/98

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission is accepting sealed bids for AREA Manual Chapter, Part 2, 44 ballast rock for maintenance and construction of its railroad tracks at the Port of Biloxi, Mississippi.

Bids will be opened on the 11th day of February, 1998, at 11:00 a.m. local time. Bids must be submitted to: Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission, Attn: Deputy Director, Seal Office Box 2007, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39521.

Bids will be accepted until 11:00 a.m. local time, Friday, February 13, 1998, then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids. No bidder may withdraw their bid within sixty (60) days from the actual date of opening thereof.

Hancock County Port Harbor Comm.
Harry J. Favre, Secretary
1-22; 1-29-98

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on November 29, 1995, Robert Van Wyke, Jr. and Regina E. Asty, Husband and Wife, executed a Deed of Trust to W. Stewart Robinson, Trustee for Jim Walter Homes, Inc., Beneficiary, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Land Deed of Trust Book 445, at Page 347-348, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi;

AND WHEREAS, this Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to Mid-State Trust IV, a business trust, by instrument recorded in Book 488, at Page 185, in the office of the Chancery Clerk aforesaid;

AND WHEREAS, default having been made in payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and the holder of the note and Deed of Trust having requested the undersigned Trustee to do so, I will on the 15th day of February, 1998, offer for sale at public outcry and sell during legal hours between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., at the main front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest and best bidder, the following described land and property, situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

That certain tract, piece or parcel of land located and situated in the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 9 South, Range 16 West, Hancock County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as: Commencing at an angle iron set for the corner to Sections 8, 9, 10, and 17 of Township 9 South, Range 16 West, and run thence South along the East line of said Section 17 a distance of 1,320 feet to the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence run West a distance of 180 feet to and for the point of beginning; thence run South a distance of 180.4 feet to the point of beginning; containing 0.26 acres, more or less, and being a part of Lot 1 of Section 17, Township 9 South, Range 16 West, Hancock County, Mississippi.

I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 14th day of January, 1998.

W. Stewart Robinson, Trustee
1-22; 1-29; 2-5; 2-12-98

Public Notice

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLAUDIA J. MOODY
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CAUSE NO. 98-0007

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 13th day of January, 1998, by the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Claudia J. Moody, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of the said Court for probate and registration according to law within 90 days from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 13th day of January, 1998.

HENRY E. SURGE
Executor of the Estate of Claudia J. Moody
1-15; 1-22; 1-29; 2-5-98

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANK HAMAN
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CAUSE NO. 98-0008

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 7th day of January, 1998, by the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Frank Haman, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of the said Court for probate and registration according to law within 90 days from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 7th day of January, 1998.

MICHAEL A. HAMAN
Executor of the Estate of Frank Haman
1-15; 1-22; 1-29; 2-5-98

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BETSY MOLAN PLAINTIFF
vs.
JAMES R. BARNOWS, ET AL, DEFENDANTS
PUBLICATION SUBSIDIARY
CAUSE NO. 98-0009

TO: (A) James R. Barnows, et al, whose present address, both street address and post office address, is unknown, after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, the unknown heirs at law or devisees of James R. Barnows, whose post office and street address are unknown, after diligent search and inquiry; (B) Rocco A. Vlasco, if alive, whose present address, both street address and post office address, is unknown, after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, the unknown heirs at law or devisees of Rocco A. Vlasco, whose post office and street address are unknown, after diligent search and inquiry; (C) any and all other persons having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in the following land:

Lots 25 and 26, Block 2, PINE VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official plat thereof filed in the office of the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on August 2, 1958, and recorded in Plat Book 2, page 41.

You have been made defendants in a lawsuit filed in this Court by Betty Nolan, complainant, whose address is c/o John A. Scarife, Jr., Esq., P.O. Box 70, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520.

The complaint filed against you has initiated a civil action alleging legal ownership of the above described property and seeking to quiet and confirm title.

You are required to file with the Clerk of this Court a written answer either admitting or denying each allegation in the complaint; and, in addition, a copy of your written answer should be either mailed or hand delivered to John A. Scarife, Jr., Esq., complainant's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 70, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520.

YOUR ANSWER MUST BE FILED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 22nd DAY OF JANUARY, 1998. FAILURE TO FILE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR ANSWER IS NOT MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

WITNESS MY signature and official seal this, 20th day of January, 1998.

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR
BY: LARRINELL SCARBOROUGH
1-22; 1-29; 2-5-98

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HUGH FILSON, DECEASED
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CAUSE NO. 97-0002

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 29th day of December, 1997, by the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Hugh Filson, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of the said Court for probate and registration according to law within 90 days from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 31st day of December, 1997.

GAYLE S. EGAN
Executor of the Estate of Hugh Filson
1-8; 1-15; 1-22; 1-29-98

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
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This 31st day of December, 1997.

DENNIS FILSON, Executor
1-22; 1-29; 2-5; 2-12-98

Mississippi Classified Advertising Network

Auctions

REAL ESTATE AUCTION - Reservoir area, Brandon (Rankin Co.). 58+/- acres offered in 16 gorgeous homestead parcels or 3+/- acres, combinations or entirely. January 31, 10 a.m. Fee simple - guaranteed - owner financing. Brokers: 800-996-2877. Granger, Thagard & Associates, Inc., #5247 Jack F. Granger #523 Co-Op REMAX of North Jackson.

AUCTION: Large 2-Day farm & construction machinery; KOSCIUSKO, MISS, Feb. 27 & 28; several sellouts; OPEN for others to sell. Contact THOMAS AUCTION; French Camp, MS.; 547-9448.

Business Opportunity

OWN YOUR OWN apparel, shoe, lingerie, bridal, gift or \$1.00 store. Includes inventory, fixtures, buying trip, training. Minimum investment \$18,900. Call Dan at Liberty Opportunities (501) 927-8031.

BUYING OR SELLING A BUSINESS? Mergers, evaluations and consultant services available; Franchise & franchising; Sunbelt Business Brokers. Statewide 401-875-0001; Hattiesburg 601-264-4825; Natchez 601-442-4824; Brookhaven +01-623-3252. Placed by Sunbelt Business Brokers

Employment

CONSTRUCTION WORK. No experience required. Paid training to become electricians, carpenters, and plumbers. Good pay/benefits. Paid relocation. Ages 17-35. Call toll free 1-888-255-6289, T-F, 8-6.

DRIVERS - Home Truck Line offers industry's top miles. All miles paid. All assigned conventionals. Great benefits. Start up to .32¢/mile, raises to .36¢. Much more! SU-13; WK-75 CST 1-800-441-4271 ext. B-57.

DRIVER OTR - Can't rest and relax with family because of money worries? CALL COVENANT TRANSPORT. \$1,000 sign-on bonus for experienced drivers. Experienced drivers and owner operators call 1-800-441-4394. Graduate students call 1-800-338-6428.

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Public Notice

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLAUDIA J. MOODY
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CAUSE NO. 98-0007

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1-15; 1-22; 1-29; 2-5-98

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MICHAEL A. HAMAN
Executor of the Estate of Frank Haman
1-15; 1-22; 1-29; 2-5-98

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BETSY MOLAN PLAINTIFF
vs.
JAMES R. BARNOWS, ET AL, DEFENDANTS
PUBLICATION SUBSIDIARY
CAUSE NO. 98-0009

TO: (A) James R. Barnows, et al, whose present address, both street address and post office address, is unknown, after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, the unknown heirs at law or devisees of James R. Barnows, whose post office and street address are unknown, after diligent search and inquiry; (B) Rocco A. Vlasco, if alive, whose present address, both street address and post office address, is unknown, after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, the unknown heirs at law or devisees of Rocco A. Vlasco, whose post office and street address are unknown, after diligent search and inquiry; (C) any and all other persons having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in the following land:

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WITNESS MY signature and official seal this, 20th day of January, 1998.

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR
BY: LARRINELL SCARBOROUGH
1-22; 1-29; 2-5-98

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HUGH FILSON, DECEASED
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CAUSE NO. 97-0002

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This 31st day of December, 1997.

GAYLE S. EGAN
Executor of the Estate of Hugh Filson
1-8; 1-15; 1-22; 1-29-98

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DENNIS FILSON, Executor
1-22; 1-29; 2-5; 2-12-98

Public Notice

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on October 5, 1992, Billy E. Smith and Susan A. Smith, Husband and Wife, executed a Deed of Trust to W. Stewart Robinson, Trustee, for the benefit of Jim Walter Homes, Inc., Beneficiary, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Land Deed of Trust Book 377, at Page 827-828, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi;

AND WHEREAS, the obligations under the terms of the Deed of Trust aforesaid were assumed by Henry A. Spurlock and Arnette M. Spurlock, by instrument recorded in Book 389, at Page 497-498, in the office of the Chancery Clerk aforesaid;

AND WHEREAS, this Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to Mid-State Trust IV, a business trust, by instrument recorded in Book 488, at Page 185, in the office of the Chancery Clerk aforesaid;

AND WHEREAS, default having been made in payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and the holder of the note and Deed of Trust having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to do so, I will on the 16th day of February, 1998, offer for sale at public outcry and sell during legal hours between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., at the main front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest and best bidder, the following described land and property, situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Lots 200, 210, and 211, Gulfside Sites Subdivision, Hancock County, Mississippi, fronting on Trust Street and measuring each 254.115 feet, according to a plan of Subdivision filed by James Norton Hesse, C.E., on June 4, 1980, in Record of Plans of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Plat Book 2, Page 51.

I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 14th day of January, 1998.

W. Stewart Robinson, Substituted Trustee
1-22; 1-29; 2-5; 2-12-98

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANK HAMAN
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CAUSE NO. 98-0008

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 7th day of January, 1998, by the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Frank Haman, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of the said Court for probate and registration according to law within 90 days from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 7th day of January, 1998.

MICHAEL A. HAMAN
Executor of the Estate of Frank Haman
1-15; 1-22; 1-29; 2-5-98

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BETSY MOLAN PLAINTIFF
vs.
JAMES R. BARNOWS, ET AL, DEFENDANTS
PUBLICATION SUBSIDIARY
CAUSE NO. 98-0009

TO: (A) James R. Barnows, et al, whose present address, both street address and post office address, is unknown, after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, the unknown heirs at law or devisees of James R. Barnows, whose post office and street address are unknown, after diligent search and inquiry; (B) Rocco A. Vlasco, if alive, whose present address, both street address and post office address, is unknown, after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, the unknown heirs at law or devisees of Rocco A. Vlasco, whose post office and street address are unknown, after diligent search and inquiry; (C) any and all other persons having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in the following land:

Lots 25 and 26, Block 2, PINE VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official plat thereof filed in the office of the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on August 2, 1958, and recorded in Plat Book 2, page 41.

You have been made defendants in a lawsuit filed in this Court by Betty Nolan, complainant, whose address is c/o John A. Scarife, Jr., Esq., P.O. Box 70, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520.

The complaint filed against you has initiated a civil action alleging legal ownership of the above described property and seeking to quiet and confirm title.

You are required to file with the Clerk of this Court a written answer either admitting or denying each allegation in the complaint; and, in addition, a copy of your written answer should be either mailed or hand delivered to John A. Scarife, Jr., Esq., complainant's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 70, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520.

YOUR ANSWER MUST BE FILED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 22nd DAY OF JANUARY, 1998. FAILURE TO FILE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR ANSWER IS NOT MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

WITNESS MY signature and official seal this, 20th day of January, 1998.

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR
BY: LARRINELL SCARBOROUGH
1-22; 1-29; 2-5-98

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HUGH FILSON, DECEASED
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CAUSE NO. 97-0002

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 29th day of December, 1997, by the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Hugh Filson, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of the said Court for probate and registration according to law within 90 days from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 31st day of December, 1997.

GAYLE S. EGAN
Executor of the Estate of Hugh Filson
1-8; 1-15; 1-22; 1-29-98

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HUGH FILSON, DECEASED
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CAUSE NO. 97-0002

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 29th day of December, 1997, by the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Hugh Filson, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of the said Court for probate and registration according to law within 90 days from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 31st day of December, 1997.

DENNIS FILSON, Executor
1-22; 1-29; 2-5; 2-12-98

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Crime

call and arrested four youths.

Under questioning, Hurt said a fifth youth was identified as taking part in the first break-in, and he was later brought in

and charged.

Three teenagers were charged with burglary and attempted burglary; one with burglary; and one with at-

tempted burglary. They were turned back over to their parents and will face charges in Juvenile Court, Hurt said.

He said the teenagers were

all from local families and "never had any trouble with the law before."

"They broke in mostly to get liquor, about \$400 worth," said

Hurt. A boom box, a basketball and an ice chest were also recovered.

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Marine

and to the collection of all charts published at different periods." It is signed by the Chief of Bureau of Navigation and the Secretary of the Navy.

Miller explained that at that time the library had a very specific purpose, which has since branched out. Originally housed in the Washington D. C. area, the library was moved to Stennis in 1976 with NAVOCEANO.

Although not a public library, it is open to the public and books may be borrowed through inter-library loans with public libraries.

From first glance, it is clear this is not an ordinary library.

Periodical titles range from "The Cartographic Journal" to "Cryogenics" to "The Chinese Journal of Acoustics" to "Newsweek."

Glass cases near the entrance display antique naval instruments. One of these, a drift bottle, is reminiscent of a message in a bottle.

Still used today in some form, a drift bottle was dropped into a body of water at a recorded location and date. If found, the finder reported where and when it was found. The data was used to provide information on current, tides, etc.

Although the library would interest many historians, the real purpose is to serve NAVOCEANO in completing surveys of the world's water bodies for the Department of Defense.

NAVOCEANO was established in 1830 under the name Depot of Charts and Instruments. It serves the Department of Defense by providing oceanographic products and services.

Through surveys, NAVOCEANO collects data which serves to keep American Ships

and troops safe outside of American waters.

"Our reason for being here is the safety of our troops," explained Julie Cox, Public Affairs Officer of NAVOCEANO. "All forces, not just the Navy."

Surveys are conducted all over the world, although Cox explained the emphasis has switched in recent years from deep water to more shallow water closer to coastlines. The areas of concern are, of course, related to what Cox referred to as "hot spots", such as the Persian Gulf.

The data and information provide all the physical properties of the water, Cox said. She explained this information would be vital for such things as missions by Navy SEALs or determining which vessels are in nearby waters by the sounds they make.

One vital role of the library in all of this, in addition to providing research material, is to make available all information previously obtained so as to prevent the duplication of surveys, thus saving major dollars.

Information dating back over 100 years can be found at the library.

Several charts of the libraries namesake, Matthew Fontaine Maury, are available to be viewed. One such chart, "Trade Wind Charts, Storm and Rain Charts and Whale Charts," shows where each whale was sighted with identification of type.

The library also provides information on different countries and cultures where personnel on surveys may be assigned.

Miller stresses that much of the information in the library would be of great value in the private sector, in such fields as

oil and gas, maritime, or the seafood industry.

While the information con-

COPS grant

Hancock County is among 18 in the state that will share in \$3 million in grants to fund 55 new law enforcement positions.

Sen. Thad Cochran (R-Miss) announced that the U.S. Justice Department was making the allocation of \$3,048,578 under the agency's Community Oriented Policing Services or COPS program.

The amount allocated to the Sheriff's office was \$106,228, which will allow the hiring of two more full-time deputies. The funds are distributed over a three-year period, and the county supplements the officers' salaries each year according to a formula worked out between the Justice Department and the county.

Last week, Rep. Gene Taylor (D-Miss) announced that the Bay St. Louis Police Department received a COPS grant of \$71,660.

Taylor said those funds will be used to further develop strategic plans to reorganize the operations of the police department.

tinues to grow, there is still a vast amount which remains unknown.

As Cox said, "We've been doing this for over 100 years and we've really surveyed only a minor part."

Papal visit on EWTN

Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) will televise several events live from Pope John Paul II's historic visit to Cuba.

On Thursday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., the Papal Mass will be televised live from the Sports Field of the Superior Institute of Physical Education in Santa Clara.

A second Papal Mass will be televised from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. from the Plaza Ignacio Agramante in Camaguey on Friday.

From 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Saturday, a Papal Mass and Coronation of Our Lady of la Caridad de Cobre Santiago de Cuba will be televised.

Encore programming will be shown from 9-11 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and most of Sunday.

River

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and financial assistance in alleviating flood problems that occur during heavy rains. In the past, they have asked the Corps to dredge the mouth of the Jourdan River where it empties into the Bay of St. Louis.

Board President Philip Moran also asked the Corps to install a flood gauge on the river. He said estimates are it would cost \$20,000 a year to maintain, and that the Jourdan is one of the few major rivers in the state without such a device.

"I wish there was something we could do that would be quick," District 2 Supervisor told Mrs. Coffey.

On Monday, Coffey took the Echo on a tour of her raised home on the bluff of the Jourdan River. A track hoe operator was on the north side of the house, shoring up what is left of the bulkhead.

"This time, we're putting in about 10 truck loads of rip rap," said Coffey. "Over the years, I'll bet we've used about 50 truck loads."

Coffey also pointed out the double steps leading to the back entrance of the house. It was weakened from the recent rush of the swirling, swollen river. "The water was licking up the stairs," she said.

Coffey said she lost two vehicles that were parked under the

house in the May, 1995 flooding, and rising waters have threatened her property since.

"At the first sight of flooding, I call the tow trucks and have them towed off the property," she said. "I've got four more payments on this car, I sure can't afford to lose another one."

Coffey said she called officials with the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) to see if they could provide any assistance.

"They told me, they could get me temporary housing, if I lost the house, but that's all," she said.

Acquire

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sors. It is the policy of Casino Magic Corp. not to make further comments regarding the proposed transaction unless and until a definitive agreement relating to the transaction has been executed.

Casino Magic Corp., with principal offices in Bay St. Louis, operates gaming casinos, through subsidiaries, in Bay St. Louis and Biloxi, Bossier City, La., Neuquen City and San Martin de los Andes, Argentina.

Marine education center recruits volunteers, sponsors

Local marine educators are seeking volunteers and corporate sponsors for the 1998 Central Gulf Coast Regional Ocean Sciences Bowl to be held Feb. 7 at the J. L. Scott Marine Education Center & Aquarium in Biloxi.

Dr. Martha Sager, coordinator of educational programs at the MECA, said the regional event — also known as the "Hurricane Bowl" — is a rapid-fire question-and-answer competition for high school teams from the northern Gulf of Mexico region. The Biloxi site is one of 16 sites nationwide selected to host a National Ocean Sciences Bowl regional competition.

The winning team and coach from the Hurricane Bowl will receive an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to compete against other regional winners in April. The NOSB is coordinated by the Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education and the National Marine Educators Association.

"We are very excited to host a regional competition at the marine education center," Sager said. "We are confident the competition will be one of the best in the country, especially with support from Coast volunteers and sponsors."

Local sponsors to date include Hancock Bank and the Mississippi Alabama Sea Grant Consortium. Sager said corporate support is needed to provide such items as trophies, savings bonds, gift certificates and other awards for winners and participants.

Mississippi artists, writers honored

Thirty-five Mississippi artists and writers have been nominated for the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters 1998 awards, according to Nominations Chairman Dr. Aubrey Lucas of Hattiesburg.

Dr. Lucas, the 19-year-old Institute's first president, said winners will be announced before the Institute's annual black-tie awards banquet April 18 at the Mississippi Museum of Art in Jackson.

Using materials prepared by top researchers and educators in marine sciences, 20 five-member teams from high schools in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and Florida will compete in the Hurricane Bowl. Teams will answer questions on ocean-related current events and on the biology, chemistry, geology, physics, history and economics of the ocean.

More than 50 volunteers are needed Feb. 7 man booths and to serve as scorekeepers, timekeepers, moderators, rules judges and scientific judges for the competition. Volunteers should plan to attend one of two training sessions offered from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, and Saturday, Jan. 31.

"Anyone who has an interest in the ocean and in encouraging our young people in academic excellence can volunteer," said Sager.

The Ocean Bowl program is supported by the U.S. Navy Office of Naval Research and Oceanographer of the Navy, the National Science Foundation, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. It is being conducted with technical assistance from the Department of Energy.

For information on volunteering or sponsoring contact Sager or Linda Furrow at 374-5550. The MECA is one of three coastal campuses of the University of Southern Mississippi's Institute of Marine Sciences.

Each winner receives a cash award of \$1,000 and an original work of art by a Mississippian. Judging is under way by independent judges in Louisiana, Tennessee, North Carolina, Florida and New York.

Local nominees are:

Visual Arts: John D. McDonald of Bay St. Louis for "Bay St. Louis Promenade Mural."

Non-fiction: Stephen Ambrose of Bay St. Louis for "Citizens Soldiers."

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